

Rush University Immunization Requirements

Proof of immunity per Illinois state law College Immunization Code (effective August, 2016)

Immunizations

Immunization regulations for the State of Illinois require new students at Rush University born after January 1, 1957 to show proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and meningococcal conjugate, and all new admissions under the age of 22 shall show proof of having at least one dose of the vaccine on or after 16 years of age.

If you are not up-to-date with your immunizations, check with your local board of health for locations or centers offering low-cost or free immunizations. Rush University is required by the State of Illinois to withhold registration for the next academic term unless this requirement is met.

***Students who do not attend classes on campus and/or are enrolled less than half-time do not need to submit immunization records. For specific questions, please contact your college representative.**

Where to Submit your Immunization Information

Students in the College of Nursing, College of Health Sciences and The Graduate College should submit all required proof of immunization directly to [CastleBranch](#). Instructions to access your account will be provided by your college.

Rush Medical College students will take a Quantiferon Gold test performed by [Lifetime Medical Associates](#) during orientation. The only immunization documentation required for you is proof of a Tdap within the last 10 years and, if applicable, a copy of the results of a positive PPD and the corresponding chest x-ray.

Required Immunizations

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS and PERTUSSIS

1. Shall provide dates of any combination of three or more doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus and the Pertussis containing vaccine. One dose must be Tdap vaccine. The last dose must have been received within 10 years prior to the term of current enrollment at Rush University.

MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA

2. Students shall provide documentation of receipt of two doses of live measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) virus vaccines on or after the first birthday and after December 31, 1967. Or, if measles, mumps or rubella vaccines were given separately: two measles immunizations given after one year of age and after December 31, 1967; two mumps immunizations after one year of age; and two rubella immunizations after one year of age.

MENINGOCOCCAL

3. Beginning fall term 2016 – 2017, all new students under the age of 22 shall show proof of having at least one dose of meningococcal conjugate on or after the age of 16. A second vaccine **must** be given if the first vaccine was given before age 16.

HEPATITIS-B

4. Although not required by the University, many programs require Hepatitis-B. It is highly recommended that all students, regardless of program or age, receive this immunization prior to starting at Rush University.

BLOOD TITERS

If you have had vaccines and/or diseases in the past, we accept blood titers proving immunity.