

<b>Volume S1:</b> Student Affairs	<b>S1.4</b> <b>Student Immunization and Screening Policy</b>	<b>Responsible Office:</b> Student Health Services
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## POLICY STATEMENT

Northeastern Illinois University seeks to promote a healthy student body and maintain a healthy campus overall. Therefore, the University has adopted a policy of student immunization and screening as best practice from a public health standpoint.

## PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

Northeastern Illinois University, in accordance with the public policy of the State of Illinois, requires its students to provide proof of immunization against preventable communicable diseases.

## WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

All students who attend Northeastern Illinois University.

## DEFINITIONS

**Immunization:** the process whereby a person is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically through the administration of a vaccine.

**Screening:** a simple test performed on a large number of people who have or are likely to develop a specified disease.

## REGULATIONS

[Illinois College Student Immunization Act \(110 ILCS 20/5\)](#)

### 1. PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION AND SCREENING

No student shall attend Northeastern Illinois University (the "University") without presenting proof that they have received such Immunizations/Screening against preventable communicable diseases as the Illinois Department of Public Health requires.

- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap) at least three doses, one of which is Tdap. Most recent booster must have been received within ten years of current enrollment.
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) two doses of live measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine on or after the first birthday. If vaccine was given prior to 1968, proof of live vaccine without gamma globulin must be provided. Proof of birth before 1/1/1957 can be used in lieu of proof of MMR immunity. Students who cannot provide proof of immunization may provide laboratory (serologic) evidence of measles, mumps, and rubella immunity.
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY, Menactra® or Menveo®). This is encouraged for all students, and required for those students under the age of 22. Proof of second vaccination must be provided if first vaccination was given before age 16.

Upon arrival at the University, all international students must provide proof of a Tuberculosis screening test administered within the past year.



**2. MEDICAL EXEMPTION**

No proof of Immunization and Screening shall be required if a physician or other health professional (see form for all accepted professionals), certifies that any Immunization or Screening required by the University is medically contraindicated.

**3. RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION**

No proof of Immunization and Screening shall be required if the student presents a signed statement that the student objects to Immunization and Screening on religious grounds.

**4. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

All students must submit documentation to NEIU Student Health Services (SHS) to comply with the Immunization and Screening requirements, or to request an exemption. All documentation must be received within ten days of the start date of the semester immediately following the student's first semester of enrollment. If a student has withdrawn from NEIU and has re-enrolled, documentation must be re-submitted within ten days of the start date of the semester immediately following the student's first semester of re-enrollment.

**5. PENALTIES**

Penalties for non-compliance will be imposed by Student Affairs/Dean of Students in accordance with University Policy and the Student Code of Conduct. The Dean of Students will access Banner compliance records only; medical records will remain confidential in Student Health Services.

Note: Students will have the 2018-19 academic year to provide their immunization documentation to be in compliance. Following the fall semester of 2019, students not in compliance will have a Student Affairs/Dean of Students registration hold placed on their account until it is verified that they are in compliance with the policy. Beginning in Fall 2019 students will need to comply by the end of the semester in which they first enroll.

## PROCEDURES

### PROCESS OF SUBMISSION AND VERIFICATION

1. All students must submit an NEIU Immunization Form (Appendix I) to Health Services with Part 1 completed and signed by the student.
2. In addition, all students must also submit proof of immunity by providing one of the following forms of documentation to Health Services:
  - The NEIU Immunization Form (Appendix I) with Parts II and III completed and signed by a health care provider or official.
  - A copy of the student's Illinois School Certificate of Child Health (obtained from Illinois high schools).
  - An official copy of immunizations signed or stamped by physician or medical clinic.
3. In addition, all international students must provide documentation of Tuberculosis screening that was performed within one year prior to arrival at the university.
4. Student Health Services (SHS) health professionals will review and determine if the documentation provides sufficient proof of compliance with, or acceptable exemption from the policy. Acceptable student documentation will be entered into SHS confidential medical records for tracking student immunizations. Students who have not provided sufficient proof of compliance will be notified by Students Affairs/ Dean of Students of their status and will be subject to the penalties listed above.

## AUTHOR REFERENCE

[University of Illinois at Chicago](#) – Medical Immunization Records

[Illinois State University](#) – Immunization Requirements

[Immunization definition](#)

[Screening definition](#)

[IL Administrative Code: Title 77, Chapter I, Subchapter k, part 694 section 100 \(JCAR: 77.I.k.694.100\)](#)

[IL Administrative Code: Title 77, Chapter I, Subchapter k, Part 694, Section 694.210](#)



**APPENDIX**

I. Immunization Form

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please direct questions or concerns about this policy to:

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
Director of Student Health Services	(773) 442-5800	<a href="mailto:health-services@neiu.edu">health-services@neiu.edu</a>

**DISCLAIMER**

The University reserves the right to modify or amend sections of this policy at any time at its sole discretion. This policy remains in effect until such time as the Responsible Officer calls for review. Requests for exception to any portion of this policy, but not to the policy statement, must be presented in writing to the Responsible Officer.

