

VACCINATIONS POLICY

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

All students who come to Mahanaim campus must be vaccinated against COVID-19 or have been granted an exemption. Please submit the proof of vaccination if you have already been vaccinated.

Immunization Requirements

New York State has two Public Health Laws that Mahanaim and its students are required to follow. The Student Health Services works to ensure that all students who are taking six or more hours, are in compliance with this law.

Mahanaim requires all students to demonstrate proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Additionally all students must certify that they have already received immunization against meningococcal meningitis within the last five years or that they have received and reviewed the information provided by Mahanaim, understand the risks of meningococcal meningitis and the benefits of immunization, and have decided not to obtain the meningococcal vaccine.

Public Health Law 2165 requires all students to demonstrate proof of immunization to measles, mumps, and rubella in order to attend class. This PHL applies to all students born on or after January 1, 1957 who are taking 6 or more hours. Failure to comply with the immunization requirements will result in being dropped from all classes, and the possible loss of financial aid award.

Public Health Law 2167 states that all students must prove that they have received information about the risk of meningitis, and that they are aware there is a vaccine that could reduce this risk. Evidence of a meningitis vaccine within the last five years or a signed waiver declining the vaccination satisfies this statute. A thirty day grace period will be extended if the student indicates in writing that they will receive the vaccine.

Proof of immunity for the following diseases must be demonstrated by the means listed below.

Measles

a) A student must demonstrate receipt of two doses of live measles vaccine: the first dose given on or after the student's first birthday and the second on or after 15 months of age and at least 30 days after the first dose. The recommended interval for college students in the process of receiving their first and second dose of measles is three months. The second dose may be given as early as 30 days after the first dose, but not sooner than 30 days; OR

- b) The student must submit serological evidence of immunity. This means the demonstration of measles antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory. OR
- c) A statement from the diagnosing physician or healthcare provider that the student has had measles disease.

Mumps

- a) A student must demonstrate receipt of one dose of live mumps vaccine given on or after their first birthday; OR
- b) The student must submit serological evidence of immunity. This means the demonstration of mumps antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory. OR
- c) A statement from the diagnosing physician or healthcare provider that the student has had mumps disease.

Rubella

- a) A student must demonstrate receipt of one dose of live rubella virus vaccine given on or after their first birthday; OR
- b) The student must submit serological evidence of immunity. This means the demonstration of rubella antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory.
- c) A physician or healthcare provider statement of disease history is NOT acceptable for rubella.

Exemptions from Immunizations

1. A medical exemption must be written by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and state that a valid contraindication to vaccination exists. The exemption must specify which immunizations are contraindicated and why.
2. A religious exemption is a written and signed statement from the student (parent or guardian of students less than 18 years of age) that he/she objects to immunization due to his/her religious beliefs.

Procedures

Students must submit immunization records and the [MMR/Meningitis Form](#) to the Student Health Advisor: health@mahanaim.com