

The University of Mississippi

Medical Requirements for Registration

Summary/Purpose: To meet requirements established by the Mississippi State Department of Health and Institutions of Higher Learning for acceptance to the state university system.

Domestic Student Requirements

New students, including transfer students and employees who enroll to take classes, at the University of Mississippi, whose birthday is after January 1, 1957, are required to submit proper documentation of immunizations. Proof of two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, usually in the form of MMR, is needed to register for courses. Proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella should be submitted in one of the following ways: A physician statement documenting prior infection/disease, blood test (Serology confirmation of immunity), or vaccine history (Immunization Compliance Form 121 or University of Mississippi compliance form.)

1. Individuals born after January 1, 1957, are required to have two doses of Measles (Rubeola) after 12 months of age. Immunizations must be repeated if given at less than 12 months of age, or before January 1, 1968. There must be a minimum time interval of four weeks between the two doses of Measles.
2. Also required is proof of two doses of Rubella vaccine that were administered after 12 months of age and on/after January 1, 1969.
3. Proof of two doses of Mumps vaccines also is required.

Temporary waivers may be granted for students enrolled in distance learning courses and/or programs where their time on campus is limited to a minimum number of hours as determined by the admitting IHL institution. These waivers are given on a semester by semester basis.

International Student Requirements

International students entering the University of Mississippi for the first time are required to have proof of all immunizations required of domestic students. In addition, international students are required to have a chest x-ray and a blood test (interferon gamma release assay, i.e. IGRA) to screen for tuberculosis prior to the start of classes. Chest x-rays from other countries are not accepted.

Permanent and Temporary Exemptions

The only permanent exemption to immunization requirements in the state of Mississippi is a medical exemption. Medical exemption to specific vaccines must be documented on a Mississippi State Department of Health Form 122, or on the University of Mississippi Certificate

of Compliance, found at healthcenter.olemiss.edu/health-requirements-and-forms/. The medical exemption may be requested on this form by a licensed health care provider and must be based on a contraindication (reason not to give the vaccine) that is among those listed by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The request is reviewed and, if accepted as legitimate by Student Health staff, the student will be exempt from the immunization. The Student Health Service staff only accepts contraindications to a particular vaccine that are recognized by ACIP or the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Disease. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant, suspect pregnancy, or nursing mothers. A valid certificate of Medical Exemption from Immunization Requirements for Adults (Form 132), or a statement from an OB/GYN is required. Vaccinations are exempt until pregnancy or nursing is resolved.

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