

MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

POLICY SUMMARY

Prior to enrolling in classes, all students attending the Northern Arizona University Flagstaff mountain campus must submit proof of their immunization or immunity against measles, mumps and rubella (“MMR”). Students born prior to 1957 are exempt from this requirement. Students attending Coconino Community College but living in a NAU residence hall must also provide proof of MMR immunization or immunity. The MMR vaccine is available by appointment for a fee from Campus Medical Services.

REASON FOR THIS POLICY

To safeguard the health of the Flagstaff mountain campus and the surrounding community by minimizing the transmission of three highly communicable and potentially life-threatening diseases.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

- Admissions
- Campus Health Services
- Housing and Residence Life
- Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Office of the Registrar
- University Advising

WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS POLICY

- All students who wish to enroll at the Northern Arizona University Flagstaff mountain campus

DEFINITIONS

Measles, mumps, rubella vaccination: Consists of two immunizations with the first given at or after the first birthday and the second no less than 28 days later.

POLICY

A. Verification of MMR Immunization

Prior to registering for or attending classes at the Flagstaff mountain campus, students are required to verify their MMR status by submitting the appropriate medical documentation or form to Campus Health Services. Students attending Coconino Community College, but living in a NAU residence hall, must verify their MMR status prior to move-in. Acceptable documentation may include medical records with proof of two MMR immunizations since the first birthday given at least 28 days apart, medical documentation of previous illness with measles, mumps, and/or rubella, or a blood test showing MMR immunity. Alternatively, students may submit the MMR Immunization Verification Form, which must be signed by a physician or nurse practitioner and marked with a healthcare provider office stamp to be considered valid and acceptable.

B. Notice and Enforcement

The Admissions Office shall notify all applicants of the MMR immunization requirement early in the admissions process, and again upon payment of the enrollment deposit. All new student accounts will initially include an immunization hold which the Campus Health Services Immunization Coordinator will release as each student's MMR immunization materials are determined to be valid and made part of their campus medical record. The Immunization Coordinator will notify students who fail to submit valid MMR documentation that they may receive one temporary immunization hold override as outlined in Paragraph D. Students who continue to not submit proper documentation of their MMR immunity will not be allowed to register for future classes and will not receive disbursements of state or institutional financial aid until appropriate MMR documentation is submitted. All references herein to the "Immunization Coordinator" refer to the Immunization Coordinator or the Immunization Coordinator's authorized designee.

C. Immunization Holds

Immunization holds are automatically placed on all new student accounts at the Flagstaff mountain campus (and on the accounts of Coconino County Community College students that plan to reside in a NAU residence hall). Immunization holds may only be cleared by the Immunization Coordinator upon verification of each student's MMR status.

D. Temporary Immunization Hold Overrides

In the limited circumstances described below, the Immunization Coordinator may grant one temporary immunization hold override.

1. The Immunization Coordinator will grant a 3-day immunization hold override:
 - a. to allow a student to enroll in classes during an on-campus new student orientation session;
 - b. when requested by a student's advisor to allow a student to enroll in classes for the first time; or
 - c. in cases where a student has initiated an MMR titer blood test and the results are pending.
2. The Immunization Coordinator will grant a 30-day immunization hold override to a student who has received the first MMR immunization shot and is waiting the necessary 28 days before receiving the second immunization shot.
3. The Immunization Coordinator will grant a 21-day immunization hold override to students transferring from mountain campus status to online or other campus locations to allow for class registration while this change in status is being approved.

E. MMR Immunization Declinations

Students who have not submitted proof of MMR status are required to file an MMR Immunization Declination Form with Campus Health Services. A student may revoke an MMR declination at any time by submitting proof of MMR immunization or immunity.

F. Mandatory Evacuations

In the event of an MMR outbreak, all students who lack MMR immunity, including those who have filed a declination, and all students without any MMR documentation on file with Campus Health Services (either health care provider immunization records, laboratory test results, an MMR Immunization Verification Form, or an MMR Immunization Declination Form) are required to immediately evacuate the Flagstaff mountain campus and will not be allowed to return until state or county public health officials determine that it is safe to do so. An MMR outbreak may consist of a single confirmed case of measles, mumps, or rubella on campus. Northern Arizona University does not provide tuition or fee refunds in such cases to students who have failed to submit proper MMR documentation. The Immunization Coordinator will maintain a current list of non-MMR immune students attending the Flagstaff mountain campus and will notify these students of any requirement that they vacate the campus until further notice. The Office of Residence Life will assist the Immunization Coordinator in confirming the departure of all non-MMR immune students from Flagstaff mountain campus residence halls.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Admissions: ensures that all applicants are aware of the MMR immunization requirement, formally notifies all students again of the MMR immunization requirement when enrollment deposits are paid.

Campus Health Services: through its Immunization Coordinator ensures that all students attending the Flagstaff mountain campus provide proof of MMR immunity, maintains all MMR immunization records, administers MMR immunization holds and temporary hold overrides.

Housing and Residence Life: ensures that Coconino Community College students living in NAU residence halls verify their MMR immunity prior to move-in, assists the Immunization Coordinator by confirming the evacuation of all non-MMR immune students in the event of an MMR outbreak on the mountain campus.

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid: ensures that disbursements of state or institutional financial aid are not released for students who have not cleared an immunization hold after the expiration of the one allowable temporary immunization hold override.

Office of the Registrar: enforces immunization holds and temporary immunization hold overrides.

University Advising: supports students in verifying their MMR immunity status, assists the Immunization Coordinator in managing temporary immunization hold overrides.

PROCEDURES

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

RELATED INFORMATION

Forms or Tools

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[MMR Immunization Verification Form](#)

Contact Campus Health Services to obtain an MMR Immunization Declination Form

Cross-References

There are no cross-references associated with this policy.

Sources

[American College Health Association](#)

[Arizona Board of Regents Policy 5-206](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

APPENDIX*

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention MMR Vaccine Information](#)

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