IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Pursuant to Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.001(9), prior to registration, each student accepted for admission at Florida Atlantic University must submit a signed FAU Immunization Form. Florida Atlantic University requires documented proof of immunizations to Measles and Rubella. In addition, pursuant to Florida Board of Governors Regulations 6.007, effective July 1, 2008, all new matriculating students must also provide documentation of vaccinations against Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis B or provide a signed waiver for each declined vaccination.

Acceptable documentation is as follows:

MEASLES (RUBEOLA):

Students can be considered compliant for measles only if they have official documentation of at least one of the following:
1. Immunization with **TWO (2) DOSES** of live measles virus vaccine* on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart. Persons vaccinated with killed or unknown vaccine **prior to 1968** must be revaccinated.
2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of measles immunity.
3. A written, dated statement, signed by a physician on his/her stationery, that specifies the date seen and stating that the person has had an illness characterized by a generalized rash lasting three (3) or more days, a fever of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, a cough and conjunctivitis, and, in the physician’s opinion, is diagnosed to have had the ten-day measles (rubeola).

RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES):

Students can be considered compliant for rubella only if they have official documentation of at least one of the following:
1. Immunization with one (1) dose live rubella virus vaccine* on or after the first birthday.
2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubella immunity.

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL FEMALE STUDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE VACCINATED WITH A LIVE VIRUS VACCINE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF PREGNANCY.

HEPATITIS B:

Students can be considered compliant for hepatitis B only if they have documentation of at least one of the following:
1. Official documentation of immunization with **THREE (3) DOSES** of hepatitis B vaccine in accordance with the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.
2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of hepatitis B immunity (positive hepatitis surface antibody).
3. A signed waiver declining the vaccine (in Part 3).

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS:

Students can be considered compliant for meningitis only if they have documentation of at least one of the following:
1. Documentation of immunization with **ONE (1) DOSE** of meningococcal meningitis vaccine.
2. A signed waiver declining the vaccine (in Part 3).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Religious or medical exemptions – Contact the FAU Immunization Office for information.
- In the event of a measles/rubella or meningococcal meningitis emergency, exempted students will be excluded from all classes and other campus activities until such time as is specified by the County Health Unit director/administrator or the Director of FAU Student Health Services.

In order to be considered official, this form must contain a signature of authorizing person AND an office stamp. Copies of official records may be attached and must include the student’s name and front cover of all documents. Any changes, additions, writeovers, use of different ink/handwriting or use of white-out must be re-signed by the authorizing person providing proof. We reserve the right to interpret the validity of all documents.
### A. Immunizations Required for ALL Students born after 12/31/56.

**MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)**

Dose (date): 1 ______/______/______ 2 ______/______/______

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**or Measles (Rubeola - live)**

Positive Titer Date

Dose (date): 1 ______/______/______ 2 ______/______/______ or ______/______/______

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**and Rubella (German Measles):**

Positive Titer Date

Date ______/______/______ or ______/______/______

### Meningococcal meningitis (Menomune/Menactra)

Date: ______/______/______

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### B. New Requirements for ALL Students Entering FAU

I have received detailed information about meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B and the potential fatal nature of meningococcal meningitis, as well as the risks associated with hepatitis B and the availability, effectiveness, and known contradictions of any required or recommended vaccines. I understand that I must either provide documentation of these immunizations or actively decline them.

**Meningococcal meningitis (Menomune/Menactra)**

Date: ______/______/______ or sign waver, below.

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### Hepatitis B

Dose (date): 1. ______/______/______ 2. ______/______/______

Positive Titer Date

3. ______/______/______ or ______/______/______

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or sign waver, below.

Date: 

I have been made aware of the potential fatal nature of meningococcal meningitis and choose not to be vaccinated.

I have been made aware of the risks associated with hepatitis B and choose not to be vaccinated.

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Signature of Student or Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18) 

Date: ____________________

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### C. RECOMMENDED FOR ALL STUDENTS BUT NOT REQUIRED

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### D. SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF AGE AND SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN IF STUDENT IS UNDER 18

I have read and understand the immunization requirements on this form. Florida Atlantic University provides primary medical care through Student Health Services. If I require medical care, it is my responsibility to make an appointment and to provide copies of pertinent medical records as necessary. A complete health history will be obtained at the time of my clinic visit.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE (MANDATORY) 

DATE

MEDICAL CONSENT FOR MINORS (if student is under 18)

I concur with the above and authorize FAU Student Health Services to employ diagnostic procedures and render any treatment or care deemed necessary to the health and well-being of my student. I grant permission for the transfer of my student to an accredited hospital or other care facility if deemed necessary by the medical provider.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (if student is under 18) 

DATE

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Rev. Date 6/2008
IMPORTANT
IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR ALL FAU STUDENTS

Many extremely valuable vaccines are available to help prevent certain diseases. Preventing any of the following diseases is highly desirable and is best accomplished with vaccinations. Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), hepatitis B and meningococcal meningitis (Menactra) vaccines are available to prospective students, prior to registration, at Student Health Services (SHS) located at the Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter campuses. Titers providing serologic evidence of immunity are also available for measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B. Charges for immunizations or titers are billed to the student. Call the campus near you:

FAU Student Health Services
Boca Raton Campus (561) 297-2282
Davie Campus (954) 236-1236 • Jupiter Campus (561) 799-8690
Treasure Coast Campus (772) 873-3305

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS is a rare bacterial infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It can cause severe neurological damage, loss of limbs, or death. The vaccine Menactra protects 90% of its recipients against four of the five serotypes of bacteria which cause this form of meningitis. Protection is believed to last for a minimum of eight years. People with a history of latex allergy, Guillain-Barré syndrome, or previous serious allergic reaction to Menactra should not receive the vaccine. Pregnant women must consult with their physicians prior to receiving Menactra.

HEPATITIS B is a serious viral liver disease that can lead to chronic liver disease, liver cancer, or rarely, death. Hepatitis B vaccine is believed to confer life-long immunity in most cases. People with a history of life-threatening reaction to baker’s yeast or to a previous dose of hepatitis B vaccine should not receive the vaccine. Pregnant women may be vaccinated.

MEASLES is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause ear infection, pneumonia, seizures, brain damage or even death. Pregnant women and people who have ever had a life-threatening reaction to gelatin, neomycin or a previous dose of MMR vaccine should not receive the MMR vaccine.

RUBELLA is a contagious viral infection that causes a rash, mild fever and stiff joints in adults. A pregnant woman who contracts rubella could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects. Two doses of MMR vaccine can provide long-term, effective protection against these diseases. Anyone who has one of the following should consult with a physician prior to receiving the MMR vaccine: HIV/AIDS or other diseases of the immune system; cancer or is receiving cancer treatment; blood disorders or recent receipt of blood transfusions or blood products. Pregnant women and people who have ever had a life-threatening reaction to gelatin, neomycin or a previous dose of MMR vaccine should not receive the MMR vaccine.
GENERAL INFORMATION

The Student Health Services (SHS) on the Boca Raton campus is staffed by board-certified physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses, a board-certified dentist, dental hygienists, health and wellness educators and well-trained support staff to serve your healthcare and health education needs. An advanced registered nurse practitioner provides primary healthcare on the Jupiter and Davie campuses. Community healthcare partners (Nova Southeastern University Health Care Center and Linda Delo, D.O.) provide primary care medical services for students attending the Broward and Treasure Coast campuses. More information about the services provided may be found at www.shs.fau.edu or by calling (561) 297-3512.

Your Student Health Fee, part of the tuition you pay each semester, helps to defray the costs of routine visits. However, fee-for-service charges may also be assessed during your visit. These include, but are not limited to: office visits, lab tests, including blood collection (phlebotomy) procedures, medications, treatments, supplies, immunizations, complete physical examinations, women’s and men’s health examinations, dental cleanings/x-rays/procedures, diagnostic tests (e.g., EKG, ultrasounds, etc.) and copies of records.

OUTSIDE CLINICS, SPECIALISTS AND HOSPITALS

Your Student Health Fee does not apply to any care outside of SHS. Referrals to specialists are made as needed by SHS providers. Students are responsible for payment for these outside services.

FAU COUNSELING CENTERS

Counseling Centers located on the Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter campuses offer psychological, psychiatric, psycho-educational and clinical social work services at no additional cost to registered students. Please call (561) 297-3540 for further information about services offered at the various locations.

INSURANCE

Students are strongly encouraged to have health insurance coverage. If you are not covered by your family health insurance plan and you want coverage, FAU sponsors an injury and sickness policy for students. This coverage is optional for domestic students, but international students must meet mandatory insurance requirements prior to registration and should call the Office of International Student and Scholars Services at (561) 297-3049 for further information. Contact Insurance for Students at 1 (800) 356-1235 for policy details or visit www.shs.fau.edu/insurance.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Cash, checks and Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express cards are accepted as payment at the Boca Raton, Jupiter and Davie campus cashier’s office for services received. Payments can also be made on-line via MyFAU. Our community healthcare partners for the other campuses accept various methods of payment. Check with your local FAU healthcare partner for further information on payments for billable services received there.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

All medical records are strictly confidential and cannot be released without the patient’s written consent. Parents or legal guardians of students under 18 have the legal right to review medical records of their children except for issues relating to birth control or sexually transmitted diseases. In most cases, a signed authorization for disclosure of protected health information in a medical record expires in 90 days.

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