

# Tennessee Department of Health Immunization Requirements for Students Enrolling in Higher Education Institutions for Fall 2011

## **Who is required to be immunized?**

-New full time enrollees at MTSU

New undergraduates enrolled in at least 12 hours

New graduate students enrolled in at least 9 hours

## **Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunity:**

Proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella may be provided by meeting one of the following 3 criteria:

1. Date of birth before 1957, *or*
2. Graduation from a TN high school prior to 1999, *or*
3. Documentation of 2 vaccine doses against Measles, Mumps and Rubella given at least 28 days apart, excluding doses given earlier than 4 days before the first birthday, *or*
4. Documentation of blood test (Serology) showing immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella. If any of the three is negative, 2 doses of vaccine must be documented.

## **Chickenpox (Varicella) immunity:**

Proof of immunity to Chickenpox is required by meeting one of the following 4 criteria:

1. Date of birth before 1980, *or*
2. History of Chickenpox illness diagnosed by a healthcare provider or verified by a physician, *or*
3. Documentation of 2 doses of vaccine given at least 28 days apart, excluding doses given earlier than 4 days before the first birthday, *or*
4. Documentation of blood test (Serology) showing immunity to Chickenpox.

## **Hepatitis B immunity (only for Health Science students expected to have patient contact):**

Proof of immunity to Hepatitis B for students in Health Sciences prior to patient care duties may be documented in one of the following ways:

1. Documentation of 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, *or*
2. Blood test (Serology) showing immunity to Hepatitis B (or infection).

## **Valid exemptions to requirements:**

**Medical** – Physician or Health Department indicates that certain vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk or harm). Any vaccines not exempted remain required.

**Religious** – Requires a signed statement by the student that vaccination conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices.

For more information: visit <http://www.mtsu.edu/healthservices/> or call (615) 898-2988.