



Immunization Policy

Purpose:

The Immunization Policy of Universidad Metropolitana is herewith established to comply with the *Higher Education Opportunity Act, the Consumer Information, the Information and Dissemination Activities-HEO* and with Section 488(a) and Law Number 25 on immunization adopted on September 25, 1983 by the Department of Health of Puerto Rico.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students under 21 years old admitted to Universidad Metropolitana and its additional locations.

Policy:

This policy states that all students under 21 years enroll in Universidad Metropolitana and its additional locations in Puerto Rico must have their full vaccination record up to date as the law requires. The student must submit to the Admissions Office the original immunization record.

According to the Department of Health of Puerto Rico students under 21 years will be required the following vaccines:

- One (1) booster vaccine against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Acellular (TDAP0 and / or a reinforcement of Tetanus and Diphtheria (TD)
- Two (2) booster of the Common Measles vaccine, German measles and Mumps (MMR)
- Three (3) boosters of vaccine against Hepatitis B
- Three (3) boosters of Polio Vaccine (OPV / IPV), provided that the last dose was administered in or after the four (4) years of age



Procedure:

The student must complete an application for admission and submit his/her original vaccination history as recorded in the form of PVAC-3 (green form). The Admissions Office digitizes the original Certificate of Immunization, this in turn is automatically received by the Office of Medical Services to perform the evaluation and registration on the Department of Health website.

If the student provides no evidence of immunization or does not have the required doses the Office of Medical Services will evaluate, verify and advise the student of the evidence and any boosters or vaccines that are required for admission to the university and to visit the Immunization Center of the Department of Health.

Exemptions vaccinated for religious and medical reasons must be given to the institution by an affidavit to be enrolled. The affidavit must indicate the name of religion/ sect and must be signed by the parent/ legal guardian and by the minister of the religion. Requesting a medical exemption certificate must be signed by an authorized to practice in Puerto Rico doctor and must state the specific reason and probable duration of the condition or circumstance contraindicated or one or more of the required vaccinations.

Sanctions:

If the student does not present evidence of the PVAC- 3 he/she will be informed by the Admissions Office and will not be able to register for the next academic term.

Amendments:

This policy may be amended according to changes issued by the Department of Education of the United States and the Department of Health of Puerto Rico. The doses required may vary per school year, so this policy will host the limits specified by the Department of Health at the time of the student's admission.

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