

Vice - Chancellorship for Students Affairs
Admissions Office

Immunization Policy

Purpose:

The Immunization Policy of Universidad Metropolitana is 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 incoming freshmen and transfer students who are 21 years old or younger admitted to Universidad Metropolitana and its additional locations in Puerto Rico.

Policy:

This policy states that all incoming freshmen and transfer students who are 21 years old or younger 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.

Procedure:

The student must complete application for admission and submit his/her original vaccination history as recorded in the form of PVAC-3 (green form). The Admissions Office will send a digital copy to the Office of Medical Services to perform the evaluation and registration on the Department of Health website.

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If the student provides no evidence of immunization or does not have the required doses he/she will be referred to the Office of Medical Services. The Office of Medical Services will evaluate, verify and counsel the student if he is missing any booster 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 the changes issued by the Federal Department of Education and the Puerto Rico Department of Health. The required doses may vary per school year, this vaccination policy will accepted the doses established by the Department of Health at the time of the student's admission.

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