

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA REQUIREMENT

New York State Public Health Law Section 2165 requires students at post-secondary institutions to prove they are immune to measles, mumps and rubella. Most students prove they are immune by submitting proof of having received two (2) MMR vaccines, but there are several ways to become compliant with this law:

1. Provide a copy of your childhood immunization record, that has been signed by a medical provider, and which shows the administration of the following:
 - Two (2) live measles vaccines
 - The first dose cannot be given earlier than 4 days before your first birthday.
 - The second cannot be given earlier than 28 days after the first dose.
 - One (1) or more mumps vaccine(s)
 - One (1) or more rubella vaccine(s)
2. Submit a laboratory report showing antibodies are present in your bloodstream against measles, mumps and rubella. The actual report must be submitted — not a written document affirming immunity. Be sure the report you submit has your name and date of birth on each page.

EXCEPTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 2165

Students born before Jan. 1, 1957: Students who were born before this date are presumed to have been infected by the viruses and do not need to submit proof of immunization.

Medical waiver: Students who cannot receive a measles, mumps or rubella vaccine due to medical reasons may submit proof of this contraindication in order to receive a waiver from the MMR requirement. Have your medical provider send us a written statement specifying which immunization product(s) should not be administered, the reason, and how long the medical contraindication will last. Students granted medical waivers may be excluded from campus if there is an outbreak of measles, mumps or rubella at the discretion of the department of health. Contact the Decker Student Health Services Center if you have further questions.

Religious waiver: Students who hold a genuine and sincere belief that is contrary to the practice of immunization may apply for a religious waiver. To request one, students must access the student health portal (binghamton.medicatconnect.com), indicate they are from Binghamton University, then enter their BU username and password. They should then navigate to the Forms section of the portal and complete the MMR Vaccine Religious Waiver form. This form must be initialed and signed by the student's parent or guardian if they are under the age of 18 years. Students requesting an MMR waiver should be aware that if an outbreak of measles, mumps and/or rubella occurs at Binghamton University, they may be required to leave the campus or otherwise be restricted from campus for a period of time determined by public health officials.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

New York state PHL Section 215 states that students who fail to submit proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella must be disenrolled from Binghamton University on the 30th day after the start of classes for in-state students, and on the 45th day after the start of classes for out-of-state students. Disenrollment means you are no longer a student at Binghamton University, and you must be removed from campus.