



Louisiana laws require immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, and tetanus-diphtheria for all first-time students born after 1956.

### To the new student

Where to locate your immunization record(s): Your immunization (shot) records may be found in your family records, such as a baby book, or a booklet that may have been written in by your doctor or public clinic each time you received a vaccination. You may also want to check for records with your doctor or public health clinic. Please keep in mind, however, that immunization records are maintained for a limited number of years, usually by the medical provider who actually gave you the vaccines. As a last resort, and if you are a graduating high school senior, school personnel may be able to locate immunization records in your cumulative or health folder before your graduation. Take care of this important matter as soon as you can, and most certainly before registration.

### To the physician or other medical provider

(Please do not sign this compliance form unless the student has proper vaccines or immune tests.)

The following guidance is presented for the purpose of implementing the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 17:170, and of meeting the established recommendations for control of vaccine-preventable diseases as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the United States Public Health Service (ACIP); and the American College Health Association (ACHA).

**Requirement: Two (2) doses of measles vaccine; at least one (1) dose of each Rubella and Mumps vaccine; and a tetanus-diphtheria booster. One (1) dose of meningococcal vaccine (menomune or menactra).**

Measles requirements: Two (2) doses of live vaccine given at any age, except that the vaccine must be given on or after the first birthday, in 1968 or later, without Immune Globulin. A second dose of measles vaccine must meet the same requirement, but should not have been given within 30 days of the first dose. A history of physician-diagnosed measles is acceptable for establishing immunity, but should be accepted with caution unless you were diagnosing physician.

Tetanus-Diphtheria requirements: A booster dose of vaccine given within the past ten (10) years. Student can be considered to have a primary series earlier in life, unless they state otherwise.

**Recommend: Recommendations from ACHA, ACIP & CDC (Center for Disease Control). For all entering freshman that live in close quarters/dormitories or who engage in high risk behaviors. High risk behaviors include sharing drinks and frequently visiting night clubs.**

*Note: In most cases, student compliance will require a second dose of measles vaccine (preferable as MMR) and a dose of tetanus-diphtheria (Td, Adult type). IN cases where no records can be located, or especially when immunization in the past is doubtful, two doses of MMR separated by a minimum of 30 days may be indicated. Evidence of vaccination of immunity against measles, rubella, mumps, tetanus and diphtheria can be established by either reviewing a previous written record of vaccination or administering a vaccine now. Serologic testing is acceptable evidence of immunity, but should not be routinely performed unless specifically requested by the patient and if the testing is appropriate or available.*