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Policy Name: Immunization Requirements for College Students

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Policy Statement:

New York State Public Health Law 2165 requires students born on or after January 1, 1957, attending college within New York State to show proof of immunity* against measles, mumps and rubella. Finger Lakes Community College policy requires proof of immunity for all students attending the institution. Persons born before January 1, 1957 are exempt. Proof of immunity must be provided in order to register at Finger Lakes. Law, and College policy, will not permit continued attendance by individuals failing to present the required proof by the 30th day of the semester, unless the student presents: (i) a certificate from a licensed physician or nurse practitioner certifying that such immunization may be detrimental to the Student's health or is otherwise medically contraindicated (in which case the requirements may be waived until such immunization is determined no longer to be detrimental to the Student's health or otherwise medically contraindicated); (ii) proof of honorable discharge from the armed services within ten years from the date of application to Finger Lakes Community College (which shall qualify the student to attend the College pending the actual receipt of immunization records from the armed forces); or (iii) a written and signed statement from the student, or parent or guardian, if applicable, that s/he holds genuine and sincere religious beliefs that prohibit immunization of the student.

Students who have not submitted proof of immunity by the 30th day will be administratively withdrawn from classes. Students administratively withdrawn from classes, due to their failure to comply with the law, will not be granted refunds of tuition or fees.

In the event that an outbreak of one of the illnesses noted above occurs, access to College facilities will be restricted only to those having proof of immunity.

Records will be maintained by the College such that the status of any and all students' immunization status can be ascertained on short notice and in a manner consistent with regulations of the NYS Commissioner of Health. Such records will be held to be strictly confidential with access limited to those College or State personnel whose duties require information from these records.

All students (except Gemini) enrolled in six or more credit courses must receive information on meningococcal meningitis disease and vaccine availability. The student or parent of a minor child must sign and return to Student Health Services a form indicating that they have received the meningitis information, and have either (1) had the vaccine, or (2) decline to receive the vaccine.

Students Subject to Surveillance

In the event of an outbreak of measles, mumps or rubella in an institution, the commissioner may order the

appropriate officials of the institution to exclude from attendance all students without documentation of immunity and those who have been excused from immunization. The College maintains this susceptible student list in the PyraMED medical record system, shared with Colleague. This list is used for removal from classes of noncompliant students by the Associated Vice President of Student Affairs. The exclusion shall continue until the commissioner determines that the danger of transmission has passed or until the documentation has been submitted.

Reason(s) for Policy:

This policy is intended to ensure compliance with SUNY regulations and the New York Public Health Law Sections 2165 and 2167, and the corresponding Department of Health Regulations.

Applicability of Policy:

This policy applies to all students who are registered to attend or currently attend classes at Finger Lakes Community College or have any other on campus presence whether full or part time. All students and Student Health Services employees should be familiar with this policy.

Definitions:

Student: Any person who is registered to attend or attends face to face classes at Finger Lakes Community College.

a) **Measles, Mumps and Rubella Requirements**

Student means any person born on or after January 1, 1957, who is registered to attend or attends classes at Finger Lakes Community College.

b) **Meningococcal Disease Requirements**

Student means a person who is registered to attend or attends face to face classes at Finger Lakes Community College and there is no age differentiation regarding meningococcal disease.

Health Practitioner: Any person authorized by law to administer an immunization.

Immunization: An adequate dose or doses of an immunizing agent against measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal meningitis, , which meets the standards approved by the United States Public Health Service for such biological products, and which is approved by the New York State Department of Health under such conditions as may be specified by the Public Health Council.

Proof of Immunity*

MEASLES: Two doses of live measles vaccine (given 1968 or after). The first dose must have been given on or after 12 months of age. The second dose must have been given on or after 15 months of age.

MUMPS: One dose of live mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

RUBELLA: One dose of live rubella vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

The student may submit a physician’s note and signature verifying a documented history of measles and mumps or serologic evidence of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella (a notation signed by a physician or certified medical laboratory that “antibodies are positive or demonstrate a level of immunity”).

Students must check with their physician or high school to obtain immunization records (baby records from parents which do not contain a physician or health care provider signature are unacceptable as proof of immunization).

Related Documents:

None

Procedures:

None

Forms/Online Processes:

None

Appendix:

None