

immunization requirements

2009-10

There are two immunization requirements that all new students must meet before the designated deadlines:

1/ meningococcal meningitis vaccination

New York State public health law requires that students receive information from their institutions about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine that protects against most strains of the disease that can occur on university campuses. Columbia students must make an informed decision about being vaccinated and certify their decision online. Full instructions are given at www.health.columbia.edu and the process takes two to three minutes to complete. Students must formally indicate their decision about being vaccinated before they will be permitted to register for classes.

DEADLINE: DECISIONS MUST BE RECORDED ONLINE BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REGISTER UNTIL THEIR DECISION IS RECORDED.

2/ documentation of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)

All Columbia students taking six credits or more must document their immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. Instructions are available on the attached Columbia University MMR Record. This documentation is required by New York State public health law.

DEADLINE: COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE MAILED OR FAXED BY AUGUST 31, 2009.