

College of Saint Mary
Immunization Requirements
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College of Saint Mary requires that all students entering our University be immunized against measles, mumps, and rubella. As these are preventable and contagious diseases, CSM wants to prevent the possibility of an epidemic. All students must submit accurate immunization records to Student Development and Success that show evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Submission of this record is mandatory, and failure to comply will result in future registrations being cancelled or restricted.

College of Saint Mary also reserves the right to deny access to campus facilities, including residence halls, if documentation of compliance has not been provided. Further, in accordance with public health recommendations, non-immune students may be excluded from the CSM campus in the event of an outbreak of any of these diseases. According to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a student may demonstrate immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella in one of the following ways:

- Students born before January 1, 1957 are considered immune to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.
- Documentation of a positive antibody titer proving immunity to Measles (rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella (German measles) is acceptable.
- Documentation of two doses of MMR vaccine separated by at least one month on or after the first birthday and after January 1, 1968, must be provided.

In addition to the above immunization requirement for all students, new residential students are required to receive one dose of the meningitis vaccine MCV-4 or submit records to indicate they have had one dose within the last five years. Certain academic programs may also require a physical examination and additional immunizations prior to acceptance into the program. Students should review any specific program requirements prior to beginning their course work at College of Saint Mary. All athletes are also required to submit a medical form. Athletes return completed forms to the Athletic department. International students are required to share proof of health insurance to Enrollment Services.

Students in the MLL residence program must provide immunization documentation for their child/children to the Director of Residence Life at the beginning of each semester (fall, spring, and summer).

Contact Student Development and Success at 402-399-2422 to obtain exemption forms to complete and return.

Medical exemptions can be demonstrated by having a licensed physician or nurse practitioner certify in writing that one or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the student's health or is otherwise medically contraindicated. The requirements will then be waived until such immunization is determined no longer detrimental or otherwise medically contraindicated. Students who have temporary medical exemptions will be kept on a separate listing and will be notified in writing of need to submit immunization records after the temporary medical exemption date. Medical exemptions will not be accepted for residents of Madonna Hall, due to institutional responsibility for the young /vulnerable population of children who reside in this hall.

Religious or personal exemptions will not be accepted.

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing

College of Saint Mary requires TB testing of any international student arriving from a location with an increased incidence of TB according to those identified by the American College Health Association (ACHA). Testing of high-risk students should be conducted in the United States, no sooner than 3-6 months prior to college entrance and should be completed by the beginning of registration in their first semester. These test results must be turned in to the Student Development and Success office. Any student with a positive TST must undergo chest radiography and a medical exam, and follow treatment recommendations according to the results. To find a listing of countries with an increased incidence of TB, please go to this link on the ACHA's website:

https://www.acha.org/documents/resources/guidelines/ACHA_Tuberculosis_Screening_Feb2021.pdf