

To: All Full-Time Students (12 credits or more during a semester *including students in Cycle courses*);
All Students on a Student Visa, Any full- or part-time student attending an institution of higher education while on a student or other visa, including foreign students attending or visiting classes as part of a formal academic visitation exchange program;
All Full and Part-Time Health Science Students, who are in contact with patients— All Nursing (NU,NUE,NUP,PN), Certified Nurse Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Medical Assisting Degree, Medical Assisting Certificate, Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate, Paramedic Technology Certificate, Community Health Worker, Phlebotomy and Physical Therapist Assistant.

From: Jason Zelesky, Dean of Students

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMUNIZATION AND MEDICAL HISTORY

The Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandate that the College require certain medical documentation prior to class attendance. Failure to comply may result in: Prevention from enrolling in subsequent semesters, and withholding of grades and diploma. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in adhering to the following policies as they pertain to you.

In order to complete your records, Student Services requires the following documentation **Before Classes Begin**:

- **2 doses Measles, Mumps Rubella** (2 MMRs) immunization or proof of immunity (please attach lab reports). *Exempt if born in the U.S. before 1957 except for all Health Science students.*
- **1 dose Tdap once, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years.**
- **3 doses Hepatitis B** vaccine, 2 doses of Heplisav-B given on or after 18 years of age or proof of immunity (please attach lab report). **Health Science students must submit a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer in addition to vaccine record.**
- **2 doses Varicella** vaccine or proof of immunity (please attach lab report). Non-Health Science students can provide a reliable history verified by a physician (*exempt if born in the U.S. before 1980*).
- **Meningococcal (MenACWY)** vaccine (**required for all full-time student's ages 16-21**) given on or after student's 16th birthday. Students may decline MenACWY vaccine after they have read and signed the MDPH Meningococcal Information and Waiver Form provided by their institution. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement.
- **Annual Influenza vaccine** required for all Health Science students.

• Annual Tuberculosis Testing

Required for:

- * All Full and Part-time Health Science Students as defined above;
- * All full- or part-time student *on a STUDENT VISA or Other Visa*;

Physical Exam & Medical History Form

Health Science and International students on a student or other VISA must complete the enclosed physical form.

Health Records may be obtained from the following sources

1. Your physician
2. Your high school records
3. Your baby book
4. Military records
5. If you have access to an online Health Portal
6. Request records through the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS)

If the above immunizations cannot be found the following may provide re-immunization

1. Your physician
2. Walk-in health center and / or pharmacy

Please take prompt action to return the enclosed signed form to:

MWCC Student Services, 444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440

or Fax to 978-630-9540 c/o Student Services

Prior to the first day of classes

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Student Services office at (978) 630-9855