UM Medical Requirements For Registration

Summary/Purpose: To meet requirements established by the Mississippi State Department of Health and Institutions of Higher Learning for acceptance to the state university system.

Domestic Student Requirements

New Students, including transfers, entering the University of Mississippi, whose birthday is after January 1, 1957, are required to submit proper documentation of immunizations for Measles and Rubella prior to registration for courses. Proof of immunity to measles should be submitted in one of the following ways: A physician statement documenting prior measles infection, Blood test (Serology confirmation of measles immunity), or Vaccine History (Compliance of Immunization Compliance Form 121).

1. Individuals born after January 1, 1957 are required to have 2 doses of measles (rubeola) after 12 months of age. Immunizations must be repeated if given less than 12 months of age, or before January 1, 1968. There must be a minimum time interval of 4 weeks between the two doses of measles.
2. Rubella vaccine that was administered after 12 months of age, and on or after 01/01/69.

International Student Requirements

International students entering the University of Mississippi for the first time are required to meet all immunizations that are required of domestic students. In addition, international students are required to have a PPD and a Chest X-Ray to detect tuberculosis. Chest x-rays from other facilities are not accepted. PPD and Chest x-ray are required prior to registration for courses.

Permanent and Temporary Exemptions

The only permanent exemption to immunization requirements in Mississippi is a medical exemption. Medical exemption to specific vaccines must be documented on a Mississippi State Department of Health Form 122. The medical exemption may be requested on this form by a licensed physician, and must be based on a contraindication (reason not to give the vaccine) that is among those listed by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The request must then be reviewed and, if accepted as being legitimate, the local health officer must sign the form as well. The local health officer will only accept as legitimate contraindications to a particular vaccine that
are recognized by either ACIP or the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Disease. Rubella and Measles vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant, or suspect pregnancy, or nursing mothers. A valid certificate of Medical Exemption From Immunization Requirements for Adults (Form Number 132) is required. Vaccinations will be exempt until pregnancy or nursing is resolved.