

Perrella Wellness Center – Hartwick College

Immunization Requirements

The pre-entrance Certificate of Medical Examination forms are used to document immunizations and the student's current and past medical history. All required immunizations per New York State Public Health Law Section 2165(7) must be documented on the form for entry to a post-secondary institution. The law states that no institution shall permit any student to attend such institution in excess of thirty days without complying. However, such thirty-day period may be extended to not more than forty-five days for a student where such student is from out-of-state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to comply with the law. Students who cannot receive their immunizations before arriving on campus can receive their immunizations at the Perrella Wellness Center for a charge.

New York State Public Health Law #2165 requires all full-time and part-time (enrolled for at least six credit hours per semester or four credit hours per quarter) students born on or after January 1, 1957 attending a college or university in New York State provide documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella before they can attend college in New York State. Persons born before January 1, 1957 will be exempt from this requirement. Proof of immunity to measles will be defined as two doses of measles vaccine on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart, physician documented history of disease, or serologic evidence of immunity. Proof of rubella immunity will mean one dose of rubella vaccine on or after the first birthday or serologic evidence of immunity. Clinical diagnosis of rubella disease is not acceptable as proof of immunity. Proof of mumps immunity will mean:

- a. one dose of live mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday; **or**
- b. physician diagnosis of disease; **or**
- c. serologic evidence of immunity

New York State Public Health Law #2167 requires colleges and universities to provide information about meningococcal meningitis (also called meningococcal disease) and vaccine availability to students. Hartwick College as a private liberal arts college requires all full-time and part-time students to receive the vaccine. Refer to the immunization page on the Certificate of Medical Examination Form.

In addition to the New York State requirements, Hartwick College requires all full-time and part-time students to receive a tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis immunization within the past 10 years and they must have completed the primary series for polio immunization.

The Tuberculosis screening form on the pre-entrance Certificate of Medical Examination must be completed and the student must have a *Mantoux* test if indicated by the health care provider's assessment. Refer to the tuberculosis screening form for further details.

The following immunizations are recommended but not required by New York State Public Health Law or by Hartwick College.

1. Hepatitis B – complete 3 dose series
2. Varicella (chickenpox) – complete 2 doses series or documented date of disease
3. Gardasil (HPV) – complete 3 dose series

Students entering the nursing program have additional requirements. Refer to the specific section for nursing majors on the pre-entrance Certificate of Medical Examination immunization form.

Immunization exemptions:

1. Medical – Persons may be exempt if a physician certifies in writing that the immunization(s) may be detrimental to their health.
2. Religious – Persons who hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to immunization may be exempt after submitting a statement to that effect.