

Messiah College Vaccination Policy

In an effort to keep our campus community safe and healthy, Messiah College adheres to the guidelines outlined for pre-matriculation by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Absolute requirements include 2 Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccines, a current Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster within 10 years of entrance to Messiah, 2 varicella vaccines and 2 Meningococcal (ACWY) vaccines (or one within the last 5 years). Rare exceptions to this requirement can be made in the case of a true medical condition that prohibits a student from receiving a vaccine. A religious exemption with a theological basis for declining a vaccine may be submitted for consideration. Philosophical exemptions are not accepted. A Tuberculosis Screening Form must also be completed. Based on the results of this questionnaire, some students will be required to have a Tuberculosis test (blood test or skin test). Other immunizations are strongly recommended at this time, but not required. Please refer to the Messiah College online health form for all requirements. Some specific majors have more stringent immunization requirements.