



## Graduate Student Immunization Compliance Information

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Dear New and Incoming Graduate Student,

Congratulations on your admission and acceptance to one of Eastern Illinois University's fine graduate programs. We wish you success as you pursue graduate studies, and look forward to the great things you will accomplish during and after your time here.

As a graduate student, you may not be aware of, or believe, that the Illinois College Student Immunization Act (110-ILCS 20) applies to graduate students. **This act requires that all students, including graduate students, born ON OR AFTER January 1, 1957, and ENROLLED IN 6 OR MORE HOURS OF ON CAMPUS CLASSES must submit proof of immunity** for diphtheria/tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella, and if you are under the age of 22, a meningitis conjugate on or after your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. New spring students are asked to submit immunizations records by December 15, summer students are asked to submit records by May 1, and fall students by August 1.

### **Prior EIU Students with Continuous Enrollment between Undergraduate and Graduate Education**

If you have previously attended Eastern, and were registered for more than 6 on-campus hours during a semester, you should have previously met immunization compliance. You are encouraged to contact the Health Service at 217/581-3013 to verify compliance, as well as to make sure your immunizations are up-to-date.

### **Prior EIU Students Previously Enrolled in Only On-Line Classes or Who Have More than One Year Lapse Since Last Enrollment**

If you have previously been an EIU student but have never had more than 6 hours of on-campus courses during any given semester, or have had a gap of 12 or more months since your last period of enrollment at EIU, you are required to submit documentation of proof of immunity in accordance with the updated requirements published by the Illinois Department of Public Health in July 2016 (Please see below).

### **New Students Who Have Never Previously Attended EIU**

If you will be a new student enrolled in the spring, summer, or fall 2018 semesters, you are required to submit documentation of proof of immunity in accordance with the updated requirements published by the Illinois Department of Public Health in July 2016 (Please see below).

### **Illinois College Immunization Requirements**

Compliance with this act requires all persons born on or after January 1, 1957 entering a four year public or private institution of higher education to provide proof of immunization. The following proof of immunity is required:

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis:** Students shall provide dates of any combination of three or more doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis containing vaccine. One dose must be Tdap vaccine. The last dose of vaccine (DPT, DTap, DT, Td, or Tdap) must have been received within 10 years prior to the term of current enrollment. The minimum time interval between the first and second dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days), with the third dose having been received at least six months after the second or last dose of the basic series.
2. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** Students shall provide documentation of receipt of two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps Rubella) live vaccine on or after the first birthday. The minimum time interval between each dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days).
3. **Meningococcal Vaccine:** All new admissions under the age of 22 shall show proof of having at least one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after 16 years of age.

#### **Domestic Student Immunization Forms**

Immunization forms for domestic students may be downloaded from:

[http://www.eiu.edu/health/services\\_immune.php](http://www.eiu.edu/health/services_immune.php)

#### **International Student Immunization Forms**

International students should submit official health records (preferably their yellow book) documenting their vaccinations.

#### **Submission Deadlines**

Summer 2018 students and fall 2018 students are expected to submit immunization records by May 1 and August 1, respectively. New spring 2019 students are asked to submit immunizations records by December 15, 2018.

#### **Failure to Submit Immunization Records**

Students in non-compliance with Illinois' immunization compliance law will have a hold placed on their University records and will be unable to register for future semesters at Eastern until records are in compliance. Registration holds for non-compliant summer and fall 2018 students will be placed during the week of September 3, 2018 with a \$35 late fine being applied to student accounts on October 1, 2018. Registration holds for non-compliant spring 2019 students will be placed during the week of January 21, 2019 with a \$35 late fine being applied to student accounts on February 18, 2019.

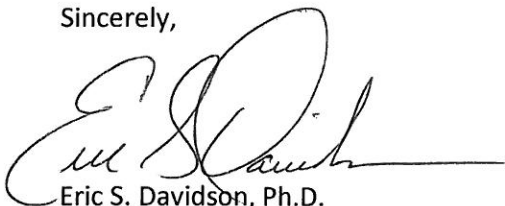
#### **Additional Information/Immunization Forms**

Additional information regarding immunization compliance, and the preferred immunization form may be found at: [http://www.eiu.edu/health/services\\_immune.php](http://www.eiu.edu/health/services_immune.php)

#### **Questions?**

Questions regarding immunizations may be directed to the Health Service through phone (217/581-3013) or by e-mail ([health@eiu.edu](mailto:health@eiu.edu))

Sincerely,



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