New York State Public Law 2165 requires students to provide the College with documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Moreover, New York State Public Law 2167 requires each student to certify their decision regarding the meningococcal meningitis vaccination. These immunization requirements apply to all registered students; but are required for students taking 6 credits or more at the College. Please read the following guidelines and adhere to the procedures for compliance.

**MEASLES, MUMPS, & RUBELLA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

New York State Public Health Law 2165 requires all students born on or after January 1, 1957 to provide the College with documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Immunity can be documented by providing exact dates of immunization shots, OR by providing results of positive blood test (titers), OR in the case of measles and mumps, by providing dates of physician diagnosis of the disease. In each case, the documents must be signed, stamped, and dated by a health care provider. Students who have attended another college or university in the United States may submit a copy of those records to prove immunity by filling out the top portion of this form and attaching the copy of your immunization records from that institution. Religious and medical exemptions are available. Free MMR vaccinations are available for college/graduate students through the New York City Department of Health. Medical Services at Columbia Health offers the MMR vaccine by appointment at no cost to new students. Alternatively, the MMR blood test is offered on a walk-in basis if you wish to test your level of immunity. The test is also at no cost for new students. They are located on the 3rd & 4th floors at John Jay Hall (W. 114th & Amsterdam Ave.) on the Columbia University main campus. To make an appointment, please call (212) 854-7426. Please visit the Immunization Requirements page on our website for more information: [www.tc.edu/health](http://www.tc.edu/health).

Students born before January 1, 1957 are not required to provide proof of MMR, but are required to complete the meningitis vaccination response as indicated below. Students should insure that their date of birth is on file with the Office of the Registrar.

**MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION RESPONSE**

New York State Public Health Law 2167, enacted in 2003, requires all institutions, including colleges and universities, to distribute information about meningococcal disease and vaccination to all students meeting the enrollment criteria, whether they live on or off campus. This law became effective on August 15, 2003.

Teachers College, Columbia University is required to maintain a record of the following for each student:

- A response to receipt of meningococcal disease and vaccine information signed by the student. This must include information on the availability and cost of meningococcal meningitis vaccine (Menomune or Menectra);

AND EITHER

- A record of meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 10 years; OR
- An acknowledgement of meningococcal disease risks and refusal of meningococcal meningitis immunization signed by the student.

**ABOUT MENINGITIS:**

Meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal column as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even death. Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age (the age of most college students) have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives. Between 100 and 125 meningitis cases occur on college campuses and as many as 15 students will die from the disease. To learn more about meningitis and the vaccine, please feel free to contact the Office of Insurance and Immunization Records at Teachers College, Medical Services at Columbia Health, and/or consult your physician. You can also find information about the disease on the Columbia Health web site: [www.health.columbia.edu/cur/news/vaccines/meningitis.html](http://www.health.columbia.edu/cur/news/vaccines/meningitis.html), or New York State Department of Health website: [www.health.state.ny.us](http://www.health.state.ny.us).

A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States – types A, C, Y and W-135. These types account for nearly two thirds of meningitis cases among college students. Medical Services at Columbia Health offers the meningococcal immunization vaccine **by appointment** for an additional cost. They are located on the 3rd & 4th floors at John Jay Hall (W. 114th & Amsterdam Ave.) on the Columbia University main campus. To make an appointment, please call (212) 854-7426.

Questions? Please email health-immunization@tc.edu.
Name ________________________________  ________________________________
(Please Print) Last / Family                  First / Given

TC ID #:  T__________________________________________________  DATE OF BIRTH   ________/_______/________

Month         Day        Year

PART I – MENINGITIS VACCINATION RESPONSE
REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS
MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY STUDENT

Please check one box and sign below.

I have:                                                                                                                                 
☐ had the meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 10 years (exact date required).     _____/_____/_____
☐ read, or have had explained to me, the information regarding meningococcal meningitis disease. I understand the risks of
not receiving the vaccine. I have decided that I will not obtain immunization against meningococcal meningitis disease.

Signed ____________________________________________________     Date _________________________________

Student Signature        Month      Day     Year

PART II – PROOF OF IMMUNITY TO MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA
REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1957

ALL OF SECTION A OR SECTION B BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Section A – MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

1st Dose: Immunized on or after first birthday                        _____/_____/_____

AND

2nd Dose: Immunized after 15 months of age or at least 28 days after 1st dose     _____/_____/_____

Section B – Part 1: MEASLES (Rubeola)

1. _____ History of illness documented by Health Care Provider
☐ Immunity Proven by Immune Titer – MUST SUBMIT COPY OF LAB REPORT
☐ 1ST Live Virus Dose: Immunized on or after first birthday
And

2nd Live Virus Dose: Immunized after 15 months of age
or at least 28 days after 1st dose     _____/_____/_____

Section B – Part 2: MUMPS

1. _____ History of illness documented by Health Care Provider
☐ Immunity Proven by Immune Titer – MUST SUBMIT COPY OF LAB REPORT
☐ Live Virus Dose : Immunized on or after first birthday

Section B – Part 3: RUBELLA

1. _____ Immunity Proven by Immune Titer – MUST SUBMIT COPY OF LAB REPORT
☐ Live Virus Dose : Immunized on or after first birthday

Please return to:
INSURANCE & IMMUNIZATION RECORDS
Teachers College
525 W. 120th St, Box 308,
New York, NY 10027
health-immunization@tc.edu
212-678-3681 (fax)

Not valid unless signed and stamped by health care provider

Physician/Provider Name ________________________________________________________________

Signature of Health Care Provider ______________________________________________________

Address of Health Care Provider ________________________________________________________

DEADLINE: FIRST OFFICIAL DAY OF CLASSES
INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE