

# IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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## Immunization Requirements

Colorado law (see Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-901 to 909) and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment regulations require all college and university students physically present on campus and enrolled for one or more classes to submit proof of immunization as described below.

All new incoming students who were born on or after January 1, 1957 must have had two measles, two mumps and one rubella doses, the first administered no earlier than four days before the first birthday and the second at least 28 calendar days after the first dose. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is not required for students born before January 1, 1957. In lieu of immunization, written evidence of laboratory tests showing immunity to measles, mumps and rubella is acceptable.

Prior to the start of classes, students must submit the completed Certificate of Immunization form to the Health & Counseling Center. Students must submit proof of immunization before coming to campus. Students that fail to submit proof will not be allowed to register for classes.

In the event of a disease outbreak, those students who requested a medical, religious or personal exemption from the immunization requirement will be withdrawn from classes until the outbreak is contained and will not be entitled to a refund of tuition for any missed time.

A downloadable form and instructions can be found at [www.du.edu/hcc](http://www.du.edu/hcc). Alternative records, such as childhood records, may be acceptable upon review of the Health and Counseling Center staff. Please call 303-871-2205 for more information.

While meningitis vaccination is not required, studies have shown that college students are at increased risk of contracting this potentially life-threatening disease. For this reason, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College Health Association strongly recommend that college students consider vaccination to reduce this risk. The State of Colorado requires all incoming students to complete a Meningococcal Information notice acknowledging that students or their parents/guardians are aware of the risks of meningitis. The questionnaire is available at [www.du.edu/hcc](http://www.du.edu/hcc).

Note: University College students are exempt from this requirement.

## Student Health Insurance Requirements

All students enrolled in traditional programs at the University must participate in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) unless they can show that they have other adequate coverage that remains in force throughout the academic year for which they are enrolled. SHIP insures the student at school, at home or while traveling. A brochure describing SHIP benefits, costs and exclusions is available from the Health and Counseling Center and on its website at [www.du.edu/hcc](http://www.du.edu/hcc).

SHIP premiums appear on the tuition bill twice a year—in the fall and spring quarters—unless a waiver has been submitted in the fall for the entire year. Students with adequate coverage who wish to waive SHIP may do so online through Student Financial Services at <https://myWeb.du.edu>. If the premium is not waived by the deadline (usually the third Friday after the beginning of classes in both the fall and spring quarters), the student will be enrolled and will be responsible for paying the premium. Questions about SHIP should be directed to the Health and Counseling Center at 303-871-2205. Questions about SHIP waivers should be directed to the Bursar's Office at 303-871-4944.