

Explanation of Requirements

Required For Attendance:

MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)

Tennessee State Law Chapter 1200-14-1-29 says that "All students born after January 1, 1957 must be vaccinated with two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine. **These two vaccines can not be waived.** If for any reason you are unable to locate proof of MMR listed below are two alternatives.

Varicella (chickenpox) Immunity:

All students born after January 1, 1980 must show either a history of chicken pox, a positive Varicella antibody, or two doses of vaccine given at least one month apart if immunized at the age of 13 or older meets the requirement.

Meningococcal Meningitis & Hepatitis B

The state of Tennessee requires that all new entering students at both public and private institutions of higher education within Tennessee receive both the hepatitis B vaccine and the meningococcal vaccine or sign and submit a signed waiver acknowledging that they recognize the dangers of these diseases, that they know the effective vaccines are available, and that they have chosen not to receive the vaccines.

Health Care Provider

The King College Student Immunization Form needs to be completed by you and **signed by your health care provider**, unless you can supply a hard copy of your records from your Health Dept, High School, the college you are transferring from, or a form provided by your doctor's office.

Valid Exemptions to Requirements

- **Medical**: Physician of health department indicates that certain vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk of harm). Any vaccines not exempted remain required.
- **Religious**: Requires a signed statement by the student that vaccination conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices.

Students who do not have all required immunizations

The new TDH rules explicitly permit conditional enrollment after the first dose of each required vaccine, if a student does not have time to complete vaccination before enrollment. However, the institution is expected to take steps to ensure the student provides timely documentation of complete immunization records. King will do so by restricting class registration for the next semester and/or not releasing grades.