

# IMMUNIZATION

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**Related Policies:** Student Code of Conduct and Community Expectations | Health Insurance

**Related Forms, Procedures and References:** Health & Wellness Clinic Patient Portal

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**Purpose:** Minnesota law requires all students born after December 31, 1956, who enroll in a Minnesota college or university to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella. This law allows for some exemptions. The law also requires St. Catherine University to collect the information requested on this form and maintain the record for one year. All St. Catherine University students must submit immunization information at the time of enrollment at St. Catherine University.

Henrietta Schmoll School of Health students will be required to complete additional immunization requirements for clinical training. For more information, please review the Immunization Requirements website (<https://www.stkate.edu/life/health-and-wellness/health-wellness-clinic/university-immunization-requirements/>).

**All Student Requirement:** All current St. Kate's students are required to submit the following information.

- Submit dates of two (2) doses of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR or individual vaccines). Dose 1 is typically administered at age 12 months or later; Dose 2 is administered at least 28 days after first dose.
- Submit the date of (1) dose of immunization against tetanus and diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) received within the past ten years.
- Submit dates of COVID-19 primary series (two (2) doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or one (1) dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine PLUS a Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson & Johnson Booster Vaccine).

OR

- Submit dates of another vaccine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO) and has also received a COVID Booster.

OR

- Submit date of a Bivalent COVID Booster Vaccine.

If you have had measles, mumps, or rubella, the law requires that you either have a blood titer (blood test) done to prove immunity or a physician's signed document attesting to the disease including the month and year in which you had the disease. Students submitting a blood titer must upload/submit a copy of the laboratory result in the student health portal (link).

There is no titre that is acceptable as proof of immunity to diphtheria-tetanus or COVID-19.

Students can find their immunization record information through their healthcare provider, personal or family medical records, or their high school/previous college. The Minnesota Immunization Information Connection might also be able to help. Contact them by calling 1-800-657-3970.

Please make certain that your name and date of birth appear on the document for identification purposes.

**International Student Requirement** All international students must complete and submit the online Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment form. (link (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/policies/stu-non-acad/immunization/>) Please add the link - <https://forms.gle/UJDhbpGSG63yr522A/>) If you answer "Yes" to any of the Risk Assessment questions, you will be required to schedule a TB screening appointment at the Health & Wellness Clinic.

**Residential Student Requirement** All students planning to live in the residence halls are *strongly encouraged* to complete and submit the *additional* immunization information:

- Submit the date of one (1) dose of immunization against meningococcal (Menactra, Menomune, Menveo, or other A,C,Y,W -135), either initial or booster, administered upon or after reaching age 16.

**Additional Information Per Minnesota Statute 135A.14**, if you do not complete your Immunization Information online or if you are not compliant with all the required immunizations by the 45<sup>th</sup> day of class, **a hold will be placed on your student account and you will not be permitted to register for classes.** Based on individual circumstances, there may be other requirements or recommendations.

Students who wish to conscientiously object to a particular vaccine are required by Minnesota Statute 135A.14 to submit a notarized statement of exemption to St. Catherine University, which will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Health.

**Getting Vaccinations and Immunization Testing:** If you cannot locate your immunization records, the Health & Wellness Clinic can test your immunization status. If you need any of the required vaccinations, the Health & Wellness Clinic can help with that, too. Contact the Health & Wellness Clinic at 651-690-6714 to schedule an appointment.