



## 27.002: Health History / Immunization Policy

**Responsible Executive:** Vice President for Student Affairs  
**Responsible Office:** Student Affairs /Spartan Health Center  
**Related Policy:** Virginia State Law (Codes 23-7.5, 7.7)  
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### Policy Statement

Virginia State Law (Code 23-7.7) **requires** students to have documented evidence of the following immunizations over the past 10 years:

- Two doses of the combined MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) are required. Individuals born before 1957 are exempt from these required immunizations because they are considered immune.
- Individuals born in or after 1957 must have had at least one dose of the combined MMR or documentation of individual immunizations e.g. mumps, rubella and measles (two doses); completion of the primary series of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis and had a booster within the past 10 years; and completion of the primary polio childhood series with documentation of the last booster.

Recommended immunizations include:

- Yearly PPD screening for tuberculosis
- Three dose Hepatitis B series
- Meningococcal Vaccine
- Two dose series of Varicella Vaccine (herpes zoster) or a titer indicating immunity

*It is recommended, also, that students have had a recent physical examination.*

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students are in compliance with Virginia State Law and Norfolk State University requirements as they relate to medical status. The University requires completion of immunizations and the health history and physical forms for the protection of the health and safety of the student and the university community.

## **Procedures**

The NSU Health History and Physical Forms (Section I-IV) are mailed to students by the Admissions Office after the student has been admitted. Students are required to return the completed form to the Spartan Health Center. The Spartan Health Center reviews the health history and physical forms. The information from the immunization record is entered into appropriate fields within the University's student information system. Applicants are encouraged to submit the NSU Health History and Physical Form as soon as possible after completing the required information. Applicants must submit a health history form signed by the student and an authorized medical professional within seven weeks of the first semester of enrollment. Students who fail to submit the required health history and physical forms will be blocked from class registration until the forms are received. The students' health history and physical forms will be reviewed by the staff of the Spartan Health Center, who will alert the student and appropriate university officials of any potential health risks to the individual and/or the university community as well as facilitate preparation for any necessary physical accommodations by the University.