

Proof of Physical Examinations (January 2011)

How many of us are now requiring proof of physical examinations/health certificate in addition to proof of vaccinations?

Centre College

We recommend a physical exam and provide a space on our required "health history" form. We will use this as a reference. It's nice to have that baseline info in the event of illness but it's true that it will not usually affect treatment.

We ask for dates of immunizations and point out ACHA guidelines. The letter that we send out with the health history form explains where they can find the ACHA guidelines. We require up to date tetanus (recommend with pertussis), MMR, and varicella or history of chicken pox. Strongly recommend the others especially Hep B, Menactra, and HPV.

We also have a TB screening tool on our health history form. We've been fine tuning this with the help of our local health dept for the past 3 yrs. and will likely make a few changes before it goes out to the class of 2015. We use the WHO list of high risk countries.

Health history form can be found here. http://www.centre.edu/student_life/parsons.html

Compliance officers, I mean our staff, spend enough hours trying to get the info turned in as it is. I don't anticipate making the physical exam a required piece.

Rollins College

We currently require a health history form. A pre-participation physical is only required of those students anticipating participation in an intercollegiate sport.

Next year we are considering only requiring immunization information.

University of Richmond

The check-list included with the Health History form that is mailed to all students (graduate and undergraduate) lists the required and recommended immunizations. Our webpage says: "In compliance with state law, the University of Richmond requires all entering full-time students to provide documentation relative to their health and immunizations." We request a physical exam on the health history record, but don't require one. As for immunizations, we follow the State mandates.

Washington and Lee University

Here's the paragraph which describes our Immunizations. We don't require an exam.

Immunizations

Documentation of current immunization status for Tetanus-Diphtheria, MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Polio, and Hepatitis B are required for all incoming students. History or laboratory evidence of chicken pox or Varicella vaccination is also required. Meningococcal vaccination is strongly recommended. Tuberculosis screening is required for students who have lived for more than 6 months

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in the past 5 years in high risk areas. Further information regarding immunization requirements is available on the immunization portion of the required Health Form.

Additional immunization doses a student might need to complete these requirements are available at the Student Health Center. The cost of such immunizations will be charged to a student's University account. A receipt can be provided to the student or parent on request to submit for insurance reimbursement.

Other immunizations such as the Influenza vaccine (flu shot) are also available at the Student Health Center. Hepatitis A, Typhoid, vaccines for travel and specialized immunizations such as Yellow Fever are available on referral to the regional office of the state Health Department.