Immunization Policy, California

According to California law, all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled more than half-time are required to provide documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) and hepatitis B. All MAT students must also provide a tuberculosis clearance (documentation of negative PPD skin test results within the last four years) to comply with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requirements. Students who do not meet the requirements will not be allowed to attend classes.

Requirements

- At least one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine(s) given at or after 12 months of age
- Two doses of live measles vaccine given at least one month apart beginning at or after 12 months of age
- Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox), first dose on or after 1st birthday. Minimum interval of 4 weeks between doses is valid.
- A booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria within the last ten years
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Laboratory evidence of immunity for measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B is also acceptable.
- Documentation of negative PPD skin test results (tuberculosis) within the last four years

Exemptions

- A medical exemption is allowed if a physician submits documentation attesting that an immunization is medically contraindicated
- A religious exemption is allowed if a student or parent/guardian, in cases when the student is under 18, submits a written statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs.

Procedures

- Students must fulfill all immunization requirements within 30 days of matriculation.
- Students who do not comply with the requirements within 30 days will be fined $75. In addition, a hold will be placed on the student’s account and no transcripts will be released. Students will not be allowed to register for their second semester classes until the immunization requirements are met.