
THE COLLEGE OF
WOOSTER

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In the past there have been outbreaks of measles in northeast Ohio and currently mumps in other parts of the country. College campuses have been particularly vulnerable to communicable diseases.

As a result, College health officials believe that it is essential that necessary precautions be taken for the protection of the campus. Consequently, in accordance with the recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio College Health Association, the College expects each incoming student to provide assurance that he / she has received two doses of vaccine for rubeola, rubella and mumps (given separately or in combined form), the first at age 12 months and the second at adolescence or at least 30 days after the first dose.

We recommend that the varicella vaccine be considered for students who have not yet had chicken pox and that all students receive Hepatitis B vaccine. In addition, the American College Health Association has issued a recommendation that students consider the meningitis vaccination for effective protection against meningococcal meningitis. The incidence of this potentially fatal disease has risen on college campuses in the past 5 years. The State of Ohio passed legislation in July 2005, to mandate meningococcal vaccine and Hepatitis B vaccine for all residential college students. The vaccines will be available at the Student Wellness Center. A TB test (Mantoux) is required for all persons at high risk for Tuberculosis. You may evaluate your risk factors such as living abroad, traveling abroad, and being immuno suppressed by going to www.cdc.gov/.

We advise that any inoculation be administered by, and after consultation with, your personal physician. Your inoculation history should be noted on page two of the Student Health Information Form under Immunizations.

The fall semester course registration will not be confirmed until certification of proper measles immunization has been received. For students who have not been reinoculated prior to their arrival at Wooster, the MMR vaccine will be available at the Student Wellness Center. Failure to obtain immunization or document declination for meningococcal meningitis and Hepatitis B according to the bill will prevent the student from obtaining campus housing. A separate form stating your Hepatitis B and Menomune status must be submitted to the Office of Residence Life.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Maxwell, M.D.
Medical Director