Colorado law requires college students born since January 1, 1957, to be immunized against measles, mumps, and rubella.

All students, including graduate students, must show proof of immunity if they attend a college or university with on-campus housing.

Proof of immunity consists of:

**Measles** — two doses of live measles vaccine administered no sooner than four days before the first birthday and a second dose of live measles vaccine administered at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose or a blood test showing immunity to measles.

**Mumps** — two doses of live mumps vaccine administered no sooner than four days before the first birthday and a second dose of live mumps vaccine administered at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose or a blood test showing immunity to mumps.

**Rubella** — two doses of live rubella vaccine administered no sooner than four days before the first birthday and a second dose of live rubella vaccine administered at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose or a blood test showing immunity to rubella.

Medical, religious, or personal exemptions continue to be in effect. The exemption statement, on the certificate provided by the school, must be signed by a physician, parent, or student 18 years and older. In the event of an outbreak, exempted people may be subject to exclusion from school and quarantine.

Check your immunization record with your health care provider or high school to be certain you meet these requirements. For more information, contact your college, local health department, or the Colorado Immunization Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (303-692-2650).

Meningococcal Vaccine

For all public or nonpublic postsecondary education institutions in Colorado, the state law requires that each incoming freshman student residing in student housing, as defined by the institution, or any student who the institution requires to complete and return a standard certificate indicating immunizations received by the student as a requirement for residing in student housing, be provided with information on meningococcal disease. If the student is under the age of 18 years, the student’s parent or guardian must be provided with this information.

Each institution must require each new student who has not received a vaccination against meningococcal disease, or, if the new student is under the age of 18 years, the student’s parent or guardian, to check a box and sign to indicate that the signer has reviewed information on meningococcal disease and has decided that the new student will not obtain a vaccination against meningococcal disease.