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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** NC Colleges & Universities

**FROM:** Beth Rowe-West, RN, BSN, Head  
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**SUBJECT:** Immunization Rule Changes Affecting Tdap and Mumps Vaccines

The purpose of this memo is to remind you of last year’s immunization rule changes that continue to affect college and university students in North Carolina. The law requires all enrolling students to have had a dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine prior to entry plus two doses of mumps vaccine.

The law requirements are as follows:

- Individuals attending colleges and universities are required to have three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid, one of which must have been within the last 10 years
- Individuals enrolling in college or university for the first time on or after July 1, 2008 must have had three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid and a booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine if a tetanus/diphtheria toxoid or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine has not been administered within the past 10 years. A dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is not required for any student over the age of 64 years.
- A second dose of mumps is to be administered before enrolling in school, college or university for the first time.

Enclosed is an updated list with the required immunizations for college/university entry and an order form of available materials that you can order, free of charge, from the Immunization Branch.

Questions regarding the tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) and mumps vaccination requirements should be addressed to your Regional Immunization Consultant, or by calling the Immunization Branch Central Office.

## College/University Vaccine Requirements:

Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (DTaP, Td, Tdap)	3 doses <sup>1</sup>
Polio	3 doses
Measles	2 doses <sup>2</sup>
Mumps	2 doses <sup>3</sup>
Rubella	1 dose <sup>4</sup>
Hepatitis B	3 doses <sup>5</sup>

**Footnote**<sup>1</sup> – Three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid of which one must have been within the past 10 years. One of those doses must have been Tdap unless any of the following occur: Entered college or university prior to July 1, 2008; a booster dose of Td was given within the last 10 years; or the individual is over the age of 64.

**Footnote**<sup>2</sup> – Measles vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Diagnosis of disease prior to January 1, 1994; born prior to 1957; enrolled in college or university for the first time before July 1, 1994; or the individual has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against measles.

**Footnote**<sup>3</sup> – Mumps vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Born prior to 1957; enrolled in college or university before July 1, 1994; or the individual has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against mumps. A second mumps vaccine is not required of an individual enrolled in college or university prior to July 1, 2008.

**Footnote**<sup>4</sup> – Rubella vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: 50 years of age or older; enrolled in college or university before February 1, 1989 and after their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday; or the individual has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against rubella.

**Footnote**<sup>5</sup> – Hepatitis B vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Born before July 1, 1994.

Note: Meningococcal, HPV, Hepatitis A, Flu and a second dose of varicella vaccine are not required but recommended for this age group by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. These vaccines can be ordered via UCVDP and administered simultaneously with Tdap and MMR to anyone meeting North Carolina's coverage criteria.

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**Immunization Requirements  
Resources for Colleges & Universities  
Order Form**

Materials are **FREE** to order!  
Please FAX your order to 1-800-544-3058

**Materials to Notify Incoming Students of Immunization Requirements**

Item	Picture	Description	Quantity in English
<p><b>Make Sure You Are Ready for College/University Postcard – for Incoming Freshmen</b></p>		<p>Reminder postcard for incoming freshmen with information about the immunization requirements (8.5x5.5)</p>	
<p><b>College Students Poster</b></p>		<p>A poster that can be displayed throughout the college/university; it mentions the vaccines recommended for college students (11x17)</p>	
<p><b>Pocket Guide for School Nurses and Clinicians</b></p>		<p>Quick reference guide for providers re: school immunization requirements at kindergarten, sixth grade and college entry. For school nurses and administrators only (3.5x9)</p>	

Please complete the contact information below. Send your request to the N.C. Immunization Branch by fax to 1-800-544-3058. Please allow at least two weeks for delivery. Most of the materials are also available on the Internet, and can be downloaded at no cost at [www.immunizenc.com](http://www.immunizenc.com).

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