

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS for students taking six or more credit hours



Read carefully | You are required to provide JCC's health center with a copy of your MMR immunizations (high school record or signed physician record). You are required to complete and return the form as to your choice regarding the voluntary meningitis vaccination. These steps must be completed prior to attending classes! You are responsible for getting all immunization records to JCC. Failure to comply will result in administrative withdrawal from JCC and a \$25 fine.

Meningococcal Meningitis | New York State public health laws require proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) and mandates that colleges provide information regarding meningitis to college students. For more information, visit <http://www.ny.gov/services/health>.

What is meningococcal meningitis? This type of meningitis is a severe bacterial infection of the bloodstream or meninges (a thin lining covering the brain and spinal cord). It is a relatively rare disease and usually occurs as a single isolated event. Clusters of cases or outbreaks are rare in the U.S.

How is the disease spread? Meningococcal disease is transmitted through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions and direct contact with an infected person. Direct contact, for these purposes, is defined as oral contact with shared items such as cigarettes or drinking glasses or through intimate contact such as kissing. Although anyone can come in contact with the bacteria that causes this disease, data also indicates certain social behaviors, such as exposure to passive and active smoking, bar patronage, and excessive alcohol consumption, may put students at increased risk for the disease. Patients with respiratory infections, compromised immunity, those in close contact to a known case, and travelers to endemic areas of the world are also at increased risk.

What are the symptoms? The early symptoms usually associated with meningococcal disease include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, and lethargy, and may resemble the flu. Because the disease progresses rapidly, often in as little as 12 hours, students are urged to seek medical care immediately if they experience two or more of these symptoms concurrently. The disease can be fatal.

How soon do the symptoms appear? The symptoms may appear two to 10 days after exposure, but usually within five days.

Please check one box and sign below:

My child has (for students under age of 18) OR I have:

had the meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past five years.
Date received: _____

read, or have had explained to me, the information regarding meningococcal meningitis disease. I understand the risk of not receiving the vaccine. I have decided that I (my child) WILL NOT receive a meningitis vaccination at this time.

Signed: _____
Date: _____

Measles | Mumps | Rubella

Name: _____
J-Number: _____
Last year in high school: _____
Birthdate: _____

Measles

#1 ____/____/____ (month/day/year)
#2 ____/____/____ (month/day/year)
OR date of disease: _____

Mumps

#1 ____/____/____ (month/day/year)
OR date of disease: _____

Rubella

____/____/____ (month/day/year)

or

MMR

#1 ____/____/____ (month/day/year)
#2 ____/____/____ (month/day/year)

You must provide a copy of your immunization records OR a:

Physician's Signature: _____
Date: _____

What is the treatment for meningococcal disease? Antibiotics, such as penicillin G or ceftriaxone, can be used to treat people with meningococcal disease.

Should people who have been in contact with a diagnosed case of meningococcal meningitis be treated? Only people who have been in close contact (household members, intimate contacts, health care personnel performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, day care center playmates, etc.) need to be considered for preventive treatment. Casual contact as might occur in a regular classroom, office, or factory setting is not usually significant enough to cause concern.

Is there a vaccine to prevent meningococcal meningitis? Presently, there is a vaccine that will protect against some of the strains of meningococcus. It is recommended in outbreak situations, and for those traveling to areas of the world where high rates of the disease are known to occur. For some college students, such as freshmen living in dormitories, there is a modestly increased risk of meningococcal disease. The vaccine can cost as much as \$90 but the cost may be covered by the individual's health insurance policy.

How effective is the vaccine? The vaccine has been shown to provide protection against the most common strains of the disease. The vaccine has shown to be 85 to 100 percent effective in serogroups A and C in older children and adults.

Is the vaccine safe and how long does it provide protection? The vaccine is very safe and adverse reactions are mild and infrequent. The meningococcal vaccine's efficacy may last five years or longer.

PLEASE PRINT:

Student's name: _____

Student's date of birth: _____

J-Number: _____

Student's phone number: _____

**Campus Health Centers | sunyjcc.edu/healthcenter
716.338.1013 (Jamestown) or 716.376.7569 (Olean)**

Enclose a copy of your immunization record and fax or mail to:

FAX: 716.338.1461

MAIL TO:

Jamestown Campus Health Center

525 Falconer St., Jamestown, NY 14720-0020

or

Sen. Patricia McGee Student Health Center

260 N. Union St., Olean, NY 14760-5901

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