

## Immunizations Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where can I obtain my shot records?**

You can try your parents/guardians to see if they have any official documentation for you. Your doctor or former pediatrician may have your immunizations on file. You can also try any public schools that you have attended. Previous colleges (except community colleges) or universities are good sources, also.

### **What is an MMR?**

MMR is Measles, Mumps and Rubella combination shot.

### **Is this just a University of Florida Tech requirement?**

No, all of the State University System schools, and some private institutions require proof of two MMR shots. Some schools may have additional requirements.

### **When is the deadline to submit my immunization records?**

You may submit the records prior to enrolling for courses at Florida Tech or Submit your records upon your arrival to Florida Tech. You will not be required to submit them to become admitted.

### **What if my doctor doesn't have an office stamp?**

Ask your doctor's office to write the dates of your shots on their office letterhead and sign it. It is helpful to have your date of birth on the form also.

### **I have documents from the health department or my former school. Do I still need to complete the Florida Tech Immunization form?**

Yes, your personal information and signature are required in section C of the form. Your copies of your other records can then be attached to the form and submitted.

### **Why were my shot records good enough to get through public school, but not sufficient for Florida Tech?**

Until fairly recently, almost all public schools in Florida only required that you have one dose of the Measles immunization. The State of Florida now requires two doses of measles for all public school students and university students as well.

### **I was in the military; doesn't this prove that I had all my immunizations?**

No. While most people in the military have received many immunizations, the requirement states that we must have your actual immunization dates on file. You may submit copies of your military shot record, which we can review to determine which shots you have.

### **I attended another State University; do I still have to show proof of immunizations when the requirements are the same?**

Each university stores the data differently and these systems are not linked together. You can simply contact the Student Health Services of your former school and ask them to fax them to Florida Tech Student Health Services.

- **If I was born before January 1, 1957, do I still have to submit proof of MMR shots?**  
No, you are exempt. You are required to submit the Immunization Form only. Complete information above section A, complete information in section A, and section C of the Health History Form.
- **I had my transcripts sent to Florida Tech and they were supposed to contain my Immunization records. Why don't you have them?**  
College transcripts generally do not contain immunization records. You will have to request a copy of these records from the student health service of your former school. Many high school transcripts do contain immunization records. However, these transcripts are sent directly to Undergraduate Admissions and become the property of that office. You will need to obtain a separate copy of these records from your high school and submit them directly to Student Health Services.
- **What kind of proof of shots do you accept?**  
We will accept any official form containing your shots that contain your name, your date of birth, the names of the shots, and the dates of the shots. These forms or documents may be from a medical office, a school, or military records. Copies of baby book pages where your parents wrote in the shots are not official records and are unacceptable.
- **Where can I find my records?**  
Contact your former school or university, former doctors or your parents.
- **What if I cannot find my records?**  
You may retake the shots, but you must wait at least 30 days between the two doses. Please contact our office if this interferes with your Orientation deadline.
- **Where may I obtain the shots?**  
MMR shots are available here at Student Health Center. You may also take them at public health offices or private doctors' offices.
- **What is a titer test?**  
A titer test is a blood test that tests the level of antibodies in a person's bloodstream. Positive IGG titers for measles, mumps and rubella may be submitted in lieu of immunizations. A copy of the lab report **MUST** be attached to our Immunization form.
- **Where do I send the Immunization Form?**  
Our address is:  
Florida Tech Holzer Health Center  
150 W. University Blvd  
Melbourne, FL 32901  
It is best when mailing to keep a copy for your original records.  
You may also FAX the form to us at **(321) 725-5967**
- **Are the Hepatitis B and Meningitis shots required to enroll at Florida Tech?**  
No. Those shots are only recommended for students who will be residing in Florida Tech-campus housing. However, you must submit the Hepatitis B and Meningitis waiver form if you decline receiving the vaccination(s).
- **Is the TB Skin test required for all students to attend Florida Tech?**  
No, only students arriving from a Tb endemic are required to have a Tb skin test within the first two weeks prior to arriving at Florida Tech or two weeks after arriving at Florida Tech. Please see the reverse side of the Student health history form for a list of endemic areas of the world.

Previous immunization with BCG does not prevent TB skin testing.

**Where can I go to have the TB skin test done?**

TB skin testing is available at the university's Holzer Health Center for a charge of \$15.00. It is also available at the local health department or any local physician's office.

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**I did not find the answer to my question. How can I get it answered?**

Please call our office at (321) 674-8078.

We will be happy to assist you .