SUMMARY:

Coastal Carolina University acknowledges the seriousness of communicable diseases and their potential to affect students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus. In an effort to prepare for and control the spread of communicable diseases, the University requires that students provide proof of immunization and pre-screening tuberculosis. The following policy and procedures are based on the guidelines established by the American College Health Association and the Centers for Disease Control.

POLICY:

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A. As a prerequisite to enrollment, all students are required to provide proof of immunization and tuberculosis to Student Health Services (SHS.) This requirement applies to all students, with the following exceptions:

1. Students born before 1957; (1)
2. Students with medical contraindications;
3. Students with religious exemptions;
4. Students registered only in off-campus courses;
5. Students registered only Osher Lifelong Learning Institute courses.
6. University faculty and staff who are enrolled students.

B. To achieve compliance with the University’s Immunization/Tuberculosis Pre-Screening Policy, students must provide SHS with proof of the following:
1. 2 MMRs (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) or 2 Measles (Rubeola), 1 Rubella and 2 Mumps or documentation of physician-diagnosed measles, mumps and laboratory evidence of immunity to rubella and a Tetanus (DTap, DTP, DT or Td) vaccination within the last ten years.

2. Completion of tuberculosis pre-screening questionnaire; AND when indicated, completion of tuberculosis risk assessment form by your health care provider.

3. Meningococcal vaccine or a signed waiver/declination that acknowledges understanding of the risks of meningococcal disease and benefits of the meningococcal vaccine (incoming students under 25 years of age living in residence halls).

II. PROCEDURES:

A. Students must complete and submit the University’s Health History, Immunization and Tuberculosis Pre-Screening Form. If immunization record(s)/tuberculosis pre-screening form(s) are submitted on other medical forms, the records must be signed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, or stamped by the health care facility and contain the month, day and year vaccines/testing were given/administered. All documents should be received by SHS prior to registering for classes. All immunization and tuberculin skin test documents must be submitted in English.

B. SHS will review each student’s immunization record(s)/tuberculosis pre-screening form(s) for accuracy and completeness and will assist students in complying with this policy. If necessary, SHS will notify students of any deficiencies in their immunization record(s)/tuberculosis pre-screening form(s) and make available necessary vaccines or skin tests for a nominal fee. If the deficiencies are not corrected in a timely manner, a “hold” may be placed on the student’s record by the Office of the Registrar and their enrollment will be affected.

C. Laboratory evidence in the form of blood titers for measles, mumps and rubella immunity is also accepted, in lieu of proof of immunizations.

D. Resident students who do not choose to comply with the Meningococcal vaccine requirement must sign the vaccination waiver/declination on University’s Health History, Immunization and Tuberculosis Pre-Screening Form.

E. Students may complete a Medical Exemption Form when there are certain medical conditions and/or contraindications to vaccines. Medical contraindications may be permanent or temporary.

F. Students may complete a Religious Exemption Form when there are specific religious beliefs and practices that preclude from receiving vaccinations.