MMR Immunization

The University of Wyoming has implemented a policy to protect the University community against measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella. All new on-campus students must provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella prior to registration. Two doses of MMR vaccine (or equivalent) are required. The MMR immunizations dates are to be entered into the Student Health Service Patient Portal (on the Student Health Service’s webpage, http://www.uwyo.edu/shser/). Incoming students will use their UW user names and passwords to enter the Patient Portal, and click on Immunizations. Once the immunization dates are entered, students will upload a verified immunization record into the Patient Portal.

The only contraindication to the MMR immunization is a previous severe allergic reaction to the vaccine or vaccine component (neomycin, gelatin). Relative (temporary) contraindications include: pregnancy; persons with immunosuppressive illnesses or treatment; moderate or severe acute illness; and recent receipt of blood products. If you are uncertain as to whether you should receive the immunization, please talk with your health care clinician.

Exemptions may be granted to the requirement in two instances: a medical exemption for a contraindication noted above, and a religious exemption. A medical exemption requires completion of the Medical Exemption Form with a notation of the reason for the exemption and a medical clinician signature. To claim a religious exemption, a notarized form must be completed and attached to the Student Immunization Form. If an outbreak of one of these illnesses occurs on campus, students granted an exemption may be excluded from campus for the duration of the outbreak. Exemption forms can be found on the Student Health Service website. Previous exemptions are not accepted.

For students unable to verify MMR vaccinations, the vaccine is available at the Student Health Service for a nominal charge. It will be administered prior to registration for any eligible student, without an appointment, during office hours. Do not wait until registration to comply with the MMR immunization requirement, as this will delay the process.

In addition to the MMR requirement, international students are required to undergo tuberculosis screening prior to registration. Based on screening, a tuberculosis (Mantoux) skin test or blood test may be performed, and, if positive, a chest x-ray done with consultation with a Student Health Service physician. The student is responsible for the costs incurred for these tests.