

IMMUNIZATION HEALTH HISTORY

Each public or private postsecondary institution in the state must provide information concerning measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B infections to all students matriculating for the first time. Tennessee law requires that such students complete and sign this waiver form provided by the institution, which includes detailed information about these diseases. The required information below includes the risk factors and dangers of these diseases as well as information on the availability and effectiveness of vaccines for persons who are at-risk for these diseases. The information concerning each disease is from the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association. The law does not require that students receive vaccination for enrollment. Furthermore, the institution is not required by law to provide vaccination and/or reimbursement for the vaccine. A student may be exempted from immunization requirements if vaccination conflicts with the religious tenets and practices of the student or if a licensed physician determines that the risk of harm from the vaccine outweighs the potential benefit.

Hepatitis B (HBV)

HBV is a serious viral infection of the liver that can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure, and even death. The disease is transmitted by blood and/or bodily fluids, and many people will have no symptoms when they develop the disease. The primary risk factors for HBV are sexual activity and injecting drug use. This disease is completely preventable. The HBV vaccine is available to all age groups to prevent HBV infection. A series of three doses of vaccine is required for optimal protection. Missed doses may still be sought to complete the series if only one or two have been acquired. The HBV vaccine has a record of safety and is believed to confer lifelong immunity in most cases.

- I certify that I have read this information, and **I have had the entire series of the Hepatitis B vaccine.**
- I certify that I have read this information, and **I have elected not to receive the hepatitis B vaccine.**
- I certify that I have read this information, and **I have elected to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine and/or I am in the process of receiving the complete three dose series of the Hepatitis B vaccine.**

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) and Varicella

Measles causes fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. Complications can include ear infection, diarrhea, pneumonia, brain damage, and death. **Mumps** causes fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, loss of appetite, and swollen salivary glands. Complications can include swelling of the testicles or ovaries, deafness, inflammation of the brain and/or tissue covering the brain and spinal cord (encephalitis or meningitis), and death. **Rubella** causes fever, sore throat, rash, headache, and red, itchy eyes. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects. **Varicella (chickenpox)** causes blister-like rash, itching, fever, and tiredness. Complications can include severe skin infection, scars, pneumonia, brain damage, or death. You can protect against these diseases with safe, effective immunization.

- I certify that I have read this information, and **I have had the entire series of the MMR and Varicella vaccines.**
- I certify that I have read this information, and **I have elected not to receive the MMR and Varicella vaccines.**
- I certify that I have read this information, and **I have elected to receive the MMR and Varicella vaccines and/or I am in the process of receiving the complete series of MMR and Varicella vaccines.**

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under 18): _____

Signature(s) required by federal law. We cannot accept typed signatures.

For more information about these diseases and the vaccine schedules, please contact your local healthcare provider or consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention web site at <https://www.cdc.gov/az/a.html>.