

Illinois College Immunization Act Compliance Information Academic Year 2024-2025 July 18, 2024

The Illinois College Student Immunization Act (110-ILCS 20) requires that all students, *including graduate students*, born **ON OR AFTER January 1, 1957**, and **ENROLLED IN 6 OR MORE HOURS OF ON CAMPUS CLASSES**, must submit proof of immunity for **diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis, measles, mumps, and rubella**, and if you are under the age of 22, a meningitis conjugate A/C on or after your 16th birthday.

Students are highly encouraged to submit records early and before the following respective dates:

- August 1, for students entering during the fall semester
- December 1, for students entering the spring semester
- May 1, for students entering the summer semester.

Record Submission

Records will be accepted using a variety of forms, including records from the following institutions:

- Past K-12 schools/institutions (seek past shot records authenticated/signed from high school nurses)
- Primary care providers – signed and dated by medical providers
- Military/VA records – signed and dated by medical providers
- Local, County, and State Health Departments
- Youth Organizations Which May have Required Vaccinations
- World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination

Any record submitted must include:

- A typed/stamped name of the health professional administering or authenticating the vaccinations
- A handwritten signature health professional to authenticate the shots' validity,
- A handwritten date indicating the date in which the health professional has either administered the shot or has authenticated the shots noted on the record
- a valid and professional phone number of the clinic/establishment

Documents **should also include** professional mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and other professional contact information in which the health professional may be reached, if needed. Domestic students in need of forms may retrieve the suggested form from: <https://www.eiu.edu/health/IMForm.pdf>

Send Immunization Records, Directly to Health and Counseling, by the office providing the medical records when possible:

- electronically as a PDF by e-mail to immunizations@eiu.edu

- by fax to 217/581-2010,
- snail mailed to Health and Counseling Services – ATTN Immunizations, Rm 2201 Blair Hall, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL.
- dropping them off to us in person at one of our Health and Counseling Service Locations:
 - Health Education Resource Center – 2201 Blair Hall

Please do not rely on other offices on campus to send us immunization records (e.g., athletics, admissions, registrar’s office). While our colleagues make every attempt to forward records they receive, there have been times in which records sent to other offices have not made their way to our office. Please send records directly to the Medical Clinic.

Deadlines/Due Dates

You are strongly encouraged to act on this immediately, and submit records by August 1 for fall courses, December 15 for Spring courses, and May 1 for summer courses,

	Preferred Submission Date	Deadline to Avoid Penalties	Registration Holds Placement Date	\$35.00 Financial Fine Placement Date
Fall Semester	August 1	First Day of Class of the Semester Fall – 8/19/24 Spring – 1/13/25 Summer – 5/19/25	Friday of the 2 nd Week of the semester Fall – 8/30/24 Spring – 1/24/25 Summer – 5/23/25 Holds typically placed the following week	Friday of the 4 th Week of the Semester Fall – 9/13/24 Spring – 2/7/25 Summer – 6/6/25 \$35 Fines typically placed the following week
Spring Semester	December 15			
Summer Semester	May 1			

Failure to Submit Immunization Records

Students in non-compliance with Illinois’ immunization compliance law will have a hold placed on their university records and will be unable to register for future semesters at Eastern until records comply. Registration holds for non-compliant students will be placed for those who lacking compliant records by the end of the 2nd week of the semester; a \$35 late fine will be applied to student accounts for students whose records are not compliant by the end of the 4th week of the semester. Until requirements of this mandate are met, the hold will remain in place.

Illinois College Immunization Requirements

Compliance with this act requires all persons born on or after January 1, 1957 entering a four-year public or private institution of higher education to provide proof of immunization. The following proof of immunity is required:

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis:** Students shall provide dates of any combination of three or more doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis containing vaccine.
 - One dose must be Tdap vaccine.

- The last dose of vaccine (DPT, DTap, DT, Td, or Tdap) must have been received within 10 years prior to the term of current enrollment.
 - The minimum time interval between the first and second dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days), with the third dose having been received at least six months after the second or last dose of the basic series.
2. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** Students shall provide documentation of receipt of two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps Rubella) live vaccine on or after the first birthday. The minimum time interval between each dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days).
 3. **Meningococcal Vaccine:** All new admissions under the age of 22 shall show proof of having at least one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after 16 years of age.

International Students

International students should submit official health records using the **World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination** documenting their vaccinations. This document is also referred to as the **Carte Jaune or Yellow Card** document. This document is frequently available through the student's government, governmental related medical establishments, etc. Each international student must visit a healthcare provider and receive the required vaccinations, or have the required vaccinations verified, which the doctor must list on the World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination booklet per the instructions and sign and date.

Records **must be signed, dated by a health professional to authenticate their validity, and have a valid and professional phone number.** Documents should also include professional mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and other professional contact information in which the health professional may be reached, as well as verified and authenticated, if needed.

Prior EIU Students Previously Enrolled in Only On-Line Classes or Who Have More than One Year Lapse Since Last Enrollment

If you have previously been an EIU student but have never had more than 6 hours of on-campus courses during any given semester or have had a gap of 12 or more months since your last period of enrollment at EIU, you are required to submit documentation of proof of immunity in accordance with the updated requirements published by the Illinois Department of Public Health in July 2016 (Please see below).

Prior EIU Students Who Took Classes Before 2017

If you have previously submitted immunization documents, please contact us at 217/581-7786. Your prior records may not be in our Electronic Medical Record, and as a result, we may not know to look for your past record in the physical archives.

Medical and Religious Waivers

By law, waivers are only allowed for medical and religious reasons. General philosophical or moral objection to immunizations shall not be deemed adequate for an exemption under any circumstances. Students who are interested in a medical waiver must complete an application form as well as submit documentation from their medical provider indicating medical contraindications which would prevent them from taking the required immunizations. Students interested in a religious waiver must complete an application form and submit a statement of testament indicating how their religious beliefs conflicts with some or all immunizations which are expected to be administered. Students completing either application must sign a statement of exclusion indicating that should an outbreak of a communicable disease that they are not immunized for occur at EIU, they agree and understand that they may be required to removed themselves from classes, residence

halls, campus, until the public health officials deem that the outbreak is over and no longer being spread. Waiver applications may be requested by emailing immunizations@eiu.edu.

Right to Refuse Records

Health and Counseling Services may exercise the right to refuse records if they are believed to be suspect/fraudulent, and the records, organization, or healthcare provider cannot be authenticated or verified by independent means. The Illinois College Immunization Act will allow proof of titers for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella; students whose records are refused for these vaccines may submit titers (at the student's expense) to show proof of immunity or may have immunizations readministered through another organization/provider who can be authenticated or verified. The Illinois College Immunization Act does not allow proof of titers for the other vaccinations; missing proof of immunity/vaccinations will need to be readministered.

Vaccine Availability

Vaccines for the required immunizations are available from the EIU Health and Counseling Medical Clinic for a nominal charge. The SBL EIU Student Medical Clinic offers the following immunizations for the following charges:

- TD - **\$45/individual vaccination**
- Tdap - **\$60/individual vaccination**
- MMR- **\$102/individual vaccination**
- Meningitis- **\$140/individual vaccination**
- **These prices may be subject to change**

The Medical Clinic does not accept 3rd party insurance and will not bill insurance. Fees for these vaccinations may be charged to the student's account/bill.

Students may find getting immunizations from other facilities as primary care providers, pharmacies, etc. that accept their primary insurance may be more economically feasible. If so, please have those shot records signed and dated by the medical professional administering the immunizations and have the records sent or brought to the medical clinic. These forms need to **include typed/stamped name of the health professional administering or authenticating the vaccinations, Handwritten signature, and date of the health professional to authenticate their shots' validity, and a valid and professional phone number**. Documents should also include professional mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and other professional contact information in which the health professional may be reached, if needed

Questions?

Questions regarding immunizations are best directed to the Health and Counseling Service by e-mail at immunizations@eiu.edu. Questions may also be answered though through phone at 217/581-7786.