

EASTERN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE
STUDENT IMMUNIZATION POLICY
(Aligned with New Jersey Administrative Code NJAC 8:57-6)

N.J.S.A. 18A:61D-1 states: Every public and independent institution of higher education in this State shall, as a condition of admission or continued enrollment, require every graduate and undergraduate student who is 30 years of age or less and is enrolled full-time or part-time in a program or course of study leading to an academic degree, to submit to the institution a valid immunization record which documents the administration of all required immunizations against vaccine-preventable disease, or evidence of immunity from these diseases, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Health. The institution shall keep the records on file in such form and manner as prescribed by the department.

(Reference: New Jersey Department of Health. (2024, October). *Questions and answers on immunization: Regulations pertaining to children attending school/higher education*. Vaccine Preventable Disease Program.

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/vaccine_qa.pdf

PURPOSE

Eastern International College (EIC) follows the immunization requirements established by the New Jersey Department of Health for institutions of higher education. These requirements help protect the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

This policy applies to all new students entering EIC for the first time.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

A. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

Measles, Mumps, Rubella: Two (2) doses of measles vaccine and one (1) dose of mumps and rubella vaccine are required. Two MMR vaccines are also acceptable.

The NJDOH administrative code, N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.4, states that students born before 1957 are exempt from the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination requirement.

Laboratory evidence of immunity (titers) may be submitted

Institutional Timing Requirement: If immunization records are not available at registration, students must receive all required MMR doses within the first semester of enrollment.

B. Hepatitis B

Students entering a four-year institution shall have received three (3) doses of hepatitis B containing vaccine, or alternatively any two doses of a hepatitis B vaccine licensed and approved for a two-dose regimen

All students must provide proof of:

Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, OR

Two (2) doses if using an FDA-approved 2-dose series (e.g., Heplisav-B)

NJ Law Requirements (NJAC 8:57-6) Hepatitis B Completion Deadlines (Provisional Periods)

Provisional enrollment is allowed for students who do not yet have full documentation of immunizations. Students may register for their first term before completing all required vaccines. (NJAC 8:57-6.12)

- If the student has no documented doses, the institution may permit up to nine (9) months to complete the 3-dose hepatitis B series.
- If the student has one documented dose, the institution may permit up to six (6) months to complete the series.
- If the student has two documented doses, the institution may permit up to four (4) months to complete the series.

C. Meningococcal Disease (Meningitis) Information and Documentation

All newly enrolled students 16 through 18 years old will be required to receive a dose of MenACWY on or after age 16 even if they received a dose at a younger age. Additionally, students who are considered high risk, including those living in residence halls, will be required to have received a dose of MenACWY on or after the 16th birthday AND within 5 years of receipt of last dose.

Before matriculation, each new student will receive information on meningococcal disease as required by the State of New Jersey. Students must complete and return the Meningococcal Information Acknowledgment Form, which includes:

- Student signature acknowledging receipt of information
- EIC official signature verifying the information was provided

Important:

EIC may require the meningococcal vaccine for specific programs or student groups. General philosophical or moral objections are not accepted under New Jersey law.

SUBMISSION OF RECORDS

Immunization documentation must be submitted to:
Eastern International College, Admission Office or the Campus Director Office.

Documentation may include:

- Official immunization records
- Physician/APN records
- Laboratory immunity reports
- Official immunization registry reports

PROVISIONAL ENROLLMENT (N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.12(a))

In accordance with NJAC 8:57-6, students may register for their first term on a provisional basis if immunization documents are not yet available

To remain enrolled beyond the provisional period, students must complete required doses within the timeframes listed above, except for the Hepatitis B requirement (Refer to the Hepatitis B deadline).

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED UNDER NEW JERSEY LAW (N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.14; N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.15; N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.4(b))

- A. Age Exemption (MMR Only): Students born before 1957 are exempt from the MMR requirement.
- B. Religious Exemption: Students may request a religious exemption by submitting a signed written statement explaining how immunization conflicts with their bona fide religious beliefs. (No clergy letter is required.)
- C. Medical Exemption: A medical exemption requires a written statement from a:
 - Licensed physician (MD or DO), or
 - Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
 - The statement must explain the medical contraindication and specify whether exemption is temporary or permanent.

RECORDS AND COMPLIANCE: Students who fail to submit required documentation or complete vaccinations within the allowed provisional timelines may:

- Be prevented from continuing enrollment
- Be unable to attend in-person classes, labs, or clinical rotations
- Have a registration hold placed on their account

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Please note that departmental requirements for clinicals, externships/clinics for BSN, BSDH, ADN, and BSDMS will require all students, regardless of age, to submit immunization and other medical/clinical requirements, and exemption is not automatically permitted by the externship/clinical sites. Refer to the college catalog or your department's student handbook for more information.