

Responsible Executive: Vice President for Student Affairs

Responsible Office: Campus Health Services

PolicyTitle:

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
Immunization Requirement

## **Policy**

All students attending classes on the Flagstaff mountain campus or living in any campus living community on the NAU campus are required to submit proof of MMR immunity. Students born prior to 1957 are exempt from this requirement.

NAU students living in a partner institution's on-campus housing must comply with the partner institution's policies and procedures for submitting proof of MMR immunity.

## A. Verification of MMR Immunity

Prior to registering for or attending classes at the Flagstaff mountain campus, students are required to verify their MMR immunity by submitting the appropriate medical documentation or form to Campus Health Services. Students attending Coconino Community College, but living in any campus living community on the NAU campus, must verify their MMR immunity prior to move-in. Acceptable documentation may include:

- 1. medical records with proof of two doses of MMR vaccine since the first birthday given at least 28 days apart,
- 2. a blood test showing MMR immunity, or
- 3. a completed MMR Immunization Verification Form, signed by a physician or nurse practitioner and marked with a healthcare provider office stamp.

#### B. Notice and Enforcement

The Admissions Office shall notify all applicants of the MMR immunization requirement early in the admissions process, and again upon payment of the enrollment deposit. All new student accounts will initially include an immunization hold which the Campus Health Services Immunization Coordinator will release as each student's MMR immunization materials are determined to be valid and made part of their campus medical record. The Immunization Coordinator will notify students who fail to submit valid MMR documentation that they may receive one temporary immunization hold override as outlined in Paragraph D. Students who continue to not submit proper documentation of their MMR immunity will not be

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allowed to register for future classes and will not receive disbursements of state or institutional financial aid until appropriate MMR documentation is submitted. All references herein to the "Immunization Coordinator" refer to the Immunization Coordinator or the Immunization Coordinator's authorized designee.

#### C. Immunization Holds

Immunization holds are automatically placed on all new student accounts at the Flagstaff mountain campus (and on the accounts of Coconino County Community College students who plan to reside in a campus living community on the NAU campus). Immunization holds may only be cleared by the Immunization Coordinator upon verification of each student's MMR status.

## D. Temporary Immunization Hold Overrides

In the limited circumstances described below, the Immunization Coordinator may grant one temporary immunization hold override.

- 1. The Immunization Coordinator will grant an immunization hold override:
  - a. when requested by a student's advisor to allow a student to enroll in classes for the first time; or
  - b. in cases where a student has initiated an MMR titer blood test and the results are pending.
- 2. The Immunization Coordinator will grant a 30-day immunization hold override to a student who has received the first MMR immunization shot and is waiting the necessary 28 days before receiving the second immunization shot.
- 3. The Immunization Coordinator will grant a 21-day immunization hold override to students transferring from mountain campus status to online or other campus locations to allow for class registration while this change in status is being approved.

#### E. MMR Immunization Declinations

Students who have not submitted proof of MMR status are required to file an MMR Immunization Declination Form with Campus Health Services. A student may revoke an MMR declination at any time by submitting proof of MMR immunization or immunity.

### F. Mandatory Evacuations

In the event of an MMR outbreak, all students who lack MMR immunity, including those who have filed a declination and all students without documentation of MMR

immunity on file with Campus Health Services, are required to immediately evacuate the Flagstaff mountain campus and will not be allowed to return until state or county public health officials determine that it is safe to do so. An MMR outbreak may consist of a single confirmed case of measles, mumps, or rubella on campus. Northern Arizona University does not provide tuition, fee, or housing refunds in such cases to students who have failed to submit proper MMR immunity documentation. The Immunization Coordinator will maintain a current list of non-MMR immune students attending the Flagstaff mountain campus and will notify these students of any requirement that they vacate the campus until further notice. Campus Living will assist the Immunization Coordinator in confirming the departure of all non-MMR immune students from Flagstaff mountain campus living communities.

NAU students living in a partner institution's on-campus housing are subject to the partner institution's policies and procedures regarding mandatory evacuation from the partner institution's housing and campus during an MMR outbreak. For students who lack MMR immunity or failed to submit proof of MMR immunity, NAU does not provide tuition, fee, or housing refunds if evacuated from a partner institution's on-campus housing as a result of an MMR outbreak.

## Related Information\*

Frequently Asked Questions

MMR Immunization Verification Form

Campus Health Services - MMR Immunization

## Sources

American College Health Association: Vaccines and Immunizations

Arizona Board of Regents Policy 5-206 Student Health Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: MMR Vaccination

# **Policy History**\*

8/12/2024: Policy revised.

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