Jackson State University
Immunization Requirement for Admission

Measles, mumps and rubella are serious communicable diseases that can spread in close living quarters or in classroom environments. All students, including transfers are required to provide proof of immunity to measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella. All students must be vaccinated to prevent these outbreaks.

The immunization requirements for admission are as follows:

• Individuals born after 1956 are required to have two doses of the measles (rubeola) vaccine given after 12 months of age. Immunizations must be repeated if given at less than 12 months of age, or before 1956. There must be a minimum time interval of four weeks between the two doses of measles vaccine.

• Two mumps vaccinations after the age of 12 months.
  Note: The measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines are usually given combined into one MMR vaccine; however, a series of two must be proven.

Proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella must be submitted by one of the following:

• Certificate of Compliance:
  Submitting a Compliance of Immunization Form or the Certificate of Immunization Compliance Form found on this web site documenting a history of two vaccinations to measles, mumps, and rubella (usually given together as an MMR vaccine but is available separately)

• Blood test results confirming immunity:
  Submitting a copy of a blood test that confirms immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella (serology confirmation of immunity)

• Documentation of prior infection with measles, mumps, or rubella by submitting a physician’s statement confirming prior infection with the above diseases (month, day, year)

Permanent or temporary exemptions to this policy can be granted if the vaccine is contraindicated because of pregnancy, allergy to the vaccine, immune compromised, etc. Check with your local health department or health care provider to complete the appropriate forms and to provide you with information about any immunizations you may still need to meet the entrance requirement for the state universities.

Requirements for International Students:

Tuberculosis Screening
Screening for tuberculosis is required for all international students entering Jackson State University for the first time. A chest X-Ray is required prior to registration for courses and must be done in a local facility designated by Jackson State University Health Center. Chest X-Rays and/or reports from outside facilities will be not accepted. A fee of $75.00 will be assessed to all international students to obtain a chest X-Ray. The International Programs Office will assist with coordinating transportation to the designated health care facility once the student arrives on campus.

International students applying for admission to Jackson State are also required to meet all of the immunization requirements for domestic students (See Certificate of compliance and proof of immunizations, under immunization requirements above). If you have not had the required immunizations or are unable to obtain the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccines in your country, contact JSU’s Health Center or the International Programs Office to learn how you can get the immunizations once you arrive on campus.