Health-Related Admission Requirements

Dear New International Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Lewis University. **You are required to submit an up to date copy of your immunization (shot) record, in English, to the Health Services office here on campus.** The Illinois College Student Immunization Act (110-ILCS 20) requires ALL students enrolled in six (6) or more credit hours per semester (on the Romeoville campus) to provide written evidence of current immune status with respect to certain communicable diseases.

**Deadline:** Documentation must be submitted to Health Services before the 6th week of the first term enrolled to avoid a non-refundable $50 late fee and a **Health Services Hold** for future class registration. The Health Services Hold will be removed **only after** the required documentation is received. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Vaccinations **REQUIRED** by the State of Illinois for college students:

- **3 Td (Tetanus/Diphtheria)** – *International students must provide documentation of a minimum of 3 doses (DPT/Td/Tdap) with at least 1 dose within the last 10 years or must re-immunize.* Tetanus Toxoid (TT) is not acceptable.
- **2 MMR’s** fulfill the requirements – two (2) doses no less than 28 days apart and administered both after your first birthday and after live vaccine available-May 1, 1971; **Or proof of:**
  - **2 Measles (Rubeola, Hard, Red, 10-day)** – two (2) doses no less than 28 days apart and administered both after your first birthday and after January 1, 1968; **or** physician diagnosis of disease; **or** copy of a lab report proving a significant level of antibodies for immunity to rubeola.
  - **1 Mumps** – One (1) dose administered both after your first birthday and after January 1, 1968; **or** physician diagnosis of disease; **or** copy of a lab report proving a significant level of antibodies for immunity to mumps.
  - **1 Rubella (German Measles, 3-day)** – One (1) dose administered both after your first birthday and after January 1, 1970; **or** copy of a lab report proving a significant level of antibodies for immunity to rubella. *Note: History of disease is not acceptable for compliance.*

➤ **Students born before 1957 are exempt from the above MMR requirements**

**RECOMMENDED vaccination:**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that students living in residence halls receive a meningococcal vaccine. If you have not been previously vaccinated or received this vaccination before the age of 16, please consider getting this HIGHLY RECOMMENDED vaccination available at our office or from your personal physician, your Public Health Department, or through any local pharmacy chain with a “quick care” clinic on site.
Please visit our website http://www.lewisu.edu/studentservices/health/index.htm where you can download various forms that we have included for your convenience.

- **Student Immunization Information Form** (use this form only if you do not already have a copy of your shot record).
- **High School/College Request for Release of Immunization Records** (use this form to send to your former high school or college or health care provider only if they haven’t already provided you with a copy of your shot record).
- **Medical History Form** (optional at the time of admission. We will ask you to fill out this form if you visit Health Services as a patient).
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Questionnaire** (complete prior to arriving on campus).
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment** (if applicable, based on answers to screening questionnaire, must be completed by a health care provider prior to arriving on campus).

It is your responsibility to follow through on this process and to make sure that we have received the required documentation by the aforementioned deadline. After required documentation has been received and reviewed for compliance, you will receive an email at your Lewis email account only if additional information is required. Again, it is your responsibility to regularly check your Lewis email. **Once you arrive on campus, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the Health Services nurse to review your immunization records.**

To help students satisfy these requirements, Health Services can provide the Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) vaccination at no charge. For students without documentation of their measles, mumps and/or rubella vaccination status, we can provide a physician’s order to have blood tests (antibody titers) drawn off-site at a reduced price. We do not administer MMR vaccinations, but can provide a list of resources.

All required documentation can be dropped off or sent to Health Services via mail, fax, or email.

**Lewis University**

**The Center for Health and Counseling Services**

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**Health Center Hours:** Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*International students must provide the Director of International Student Services with proof of health insurance or will be required to purchase health insurance through the University. See Student Handbook for details or contact International Student Services at 815-836-5549. The University offers a Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan that students may purchase through First Agency Inc. The plan is underwritten by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company of Illinois. For more information, contact First Agency Inc. directly, at 1-269-381-6630.*

Thank you for your cooperation! We look forward to you becoming a part of the Lewis Community. Please contact us should you have any questions. **Phone: 815-836-5455.**

Sincerely,

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