



Certificate of Immunization

This form, **front and back**, must be completed in order to register for classes at Hiwassee College. The health care provider's signature or stamp must be provided in the appropriate space or a copy of medical records documenting contraindication or immunity must be attached.

IMMUNIZATION STATUS

All students born after 1956 are required to submit documentation or two MMR immunizations unless contraindicated by a medical condition documented by a physician's statement, laboratory proven documentation of immunity supplied by a health care provider or contraindicated due to religious beliefs (must be accompanied by a signed statement of refusal). Students are also required to provide information regarding immunization against meningococcal disease and Hepatitis B. Please see the reverse side of this form for details. Students **must** provide proof of having had chicken pox (Varicella) **or** being immunized against the disease.

Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Entrance Date: _____	Semester: _____
Year: _____	

Vaccine	Dates	Health Care Provider's Signature
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) REQUIRED	Dose #1: _____ Dose #2: _____	
HEPATITIS B Series of 3 Doses Proof of Waiver Required (See Reverse Side of Form)	Dose #1: _____ Dose #2: _____ Dose #3: _____	
MENOMUNE (Meningococcal Vaccine) Waiver Required (See Reverse Side of Form)	Date: _____	
TETANUS (Recommended Within Last 10 Years)	Date: _____	
Varicella (Chicken Pox) REQUIRED	Dose #1: _____ Dose #2: _____ Date of Illness: _____	

-I currently have health insurance: Yes **No**

-I certify that I was born in or before 1956; therefore I am exempt from the required MMR immunization (Attach copy of driver's license or birth certificate)

-I have attached a physician's statement documenting medical contraindication or immunity

-I have attached a signed statement from my parent/guardian or religious leader that vaccination conflicts with my religious tenets/beliefs/practice



Meningococcal Disease

Students should consider the need for the meningococcal vaccine, particularly if the student will be living in a dorm.

On October 20, 1999, the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend that college students, particularly freshmen living in dormitories, be educated about meningitis and the benefits of vaccination. The panel based its recommendation on recent studies showing that college students, especially those living in dormitories, have a sixfold increased risk for meningitis. The recommendation further states that information about the disease and vaccination is appropriate for other undergraduate students who also wish to reduce their risk for the disease. The State of Tennessee requires our institution to provide students with information concerning meningococcal disease and the available vaccine. After this information is reviewed, **the student must sign a waiver form if he/she is a resident in on-campus student housing**. Please review the following information carefully and sign the waiver below.

Meningitis is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection. The disease is expressed as either meningococcal meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, or meningococemia, the presence of bacteria in the blood. Meningococcal disease is transmitted through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions and direct contact with an infected person. Direct contact for these purposes is defined as oral contact with shared items such as drinking glasses or through intimate contact such as kissing. When it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal column, as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation, and even death.

Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives. Between 100 and 125 meningitis cases occur on college campuses and as many as 15 students will die from the disease.

A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the U.S.: types A, C, Y, and W-135. These types account for nearly two-thirds of meningitis cases among college students. The vaccine is 85% to 100% effective in preventing the previously listed types of bacteria. The vaccine is safe with mild and infrequent side effects, such as redness and pain at the injection site. After vaccination, immunity develops within 7 to 14 days and remains effective for approximately 3 to 5 years. As with any vaccine, vaccination against meningitis may not protect 100% of all susceptible individuals

Please check the appropriate box and sign below. If the student is under the age of 18, a parent guardian must sign.

- I am not a resident of on-campus housing.
- I am a resident of on-campus housing and have received information on meningococcal disease and the available vaccine. The information provided allowed me to make a responsible decision concerning vaccination. I understand the risks associated with the disease and the effectiveness and availability of the vaccine.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent if Student is Under 18: _____ Date: _____

Hepatitis B

The State of Tennessee also requires that students attending a college provide the institution with proof of Hepatitis B vaccination. Hepatitis B is a series of three vaccines. If a student has not been vaccinated against Hepatitis B or has not begun the series, he/she **MUST** sign a waiver stating that he/she has not received the vaccine. In accordance with the AICP, Hiwassee College strongly recommends immunization against Hepatitis B.

- I have received or have begun the Hepatitis B vaccination series.
- I have chosen not to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B at this time.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent if Student is Under 18: _____ Date: _____



Please return completed immunization forms by email to enroll@hiwassee.edu or fax at 423-402-8216