# Immunization Information

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What immunizations are required for 2013-2014?**
Massachusetts State law requires all full-time students (12 credits or more) and all full-time or part-time students in a Health Science program, to provide proof of immunization for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Varicella and Hepatitis B. Health Science students require additional immunizations.

**Must I get immunizations?**
Massachusetts law 105CMR 220.600, outlines the requirements for college students. See list above or go to www.Mass.gov/dph/imm. If you can prove that you had the above vaccines, you do not need to get them again. If you cannot prove that you had them, but you know you did, your doctor can do blood tests (titre) to prove immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and Hepatitis B, and these (provide lab results) will satisfy the requirements.

**Can I get a waiver for these immunizations?**
The only waivers accepted are medical and religious. These waivers are specialized and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**I'm an older student. Do I still need to provide proof of immunizations?**
Starting in Fall 2011, anyone born in the United States before 1957 does not have to provide proof of MMR unless they are in a Health Science program. Anyone born before 1980 does not have to provide proof of Varicella unless they are in a Health Science program.

**Where do I find immunization records?**

- High school records
- Elementary school records
- Pediatrician
- Board of Health where you grew up
- Baby book (your mother may have one)
- Military records
- Primary care physician
- Previous college or university

**How do I submit my immunization records?**
You can bring them to the Student Immunization Records office in the Administration building or you can mail, fax, or email them. See info below.

**How long do you keep immunization records?**
Paper records are kept for about 2 years. An electronic record will be kept for many years but it may not have all the dates you would need; it may only indicate that you have satisfied the requirements. You should keep a record of your own immunizations in a safe place.

**Can I get a copy of my records?**
Yes, with proof of identity and a signed released form you can pick up a copy of records, or have them fax or sent to you or someone else.

**Where can I receive a needed vaccine?**
Your primary care physician, your town's Board of Health, and most local pharmacies (call to verify insurance and supply).

**Do I have to have a physical examination completed within the last year by my physician to attend Cape Cod Community College?** Only students accepted in one of the Health Science programs need to provide a completed physical examination form. This form will be given to you by the coordinator of the program once you are accepted or you may download one from our website or contact Student Immunization Records office at 508-362-2131 ext. 4331.

**IMPORTANT!** Students who do not complete this requirement will be placed on **HOLD** for receiving grades, future registrations and transcripts.

Our staff is ready to assist in any way possible in meeting these requirements: Student Immunization Records office, 2240 Iyannough Rd., W. Barnstable, MA 02668, M-F 8am-4pm, Phone **508-362-2131 ext. 4331** Fax **508-375-4039**, email **sthompson@capecod.edu**.