Saint Joseph’s University Immunization Policy

Vaccine-preventable diseases continue to occur on American campuses. In response, Saint Joseph’s University has developed the following Immunization Policy. This policy is based on the recommendations of the American College Health Association (ACHA) Vaccine Preventable Diseases Committee and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

All incoming students are required to complete the following immunization requirements. Immunization records must be complete and on file in the Student Health Center in order to register for classes. Students claiming religious exemption must include a letter of explanation.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:
- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)** - Immunization with two doses of MMR, given on or after first birthday and separated by at least one month.
- **Tetanus/Diphtheria** - Three doses of tetanus/diphtheria are required with a booster given within the past ten years.
- **Polio** - Three doses; Booster only if needed for travel.
- **Tuberculosis Testing/PPD (within the past year)** - Recommended for all students; Only required for:
  1. Education Majors
  2. Anyone who has lived in or visited South America, Central America, Eastern Europe, Asia or Africa in the last 5 years.
  3. Students in contact with a known case.

  *A chest x-ray is required if the student has had tuberculosis, has a positive reaction or has a past known positive PPD.*

- **Meningococcal Vaccine/Menactra** - One dose, required for students living in University-owned housing (Pennsylvania State Law).

  *Students must complete a written waiver if declining meningitis vaccination.*

- **Varicella Vaccine** (Chicken Pox): Two doses of varicella-containing vaccine at least 12 weeks apart if vaccinated between 1 and 12 years of age and at least 4 weeks apart if vaccine at age 13 years or older.

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS:
- **Hepatitis B** - Series of 3 doses; 0, 1-2 mo., 6-12 months.
- **Hepatitis A** - Series of 2 doses; 0, 6-12 months.