INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA REQUIREMENT

New York State Public Health Law Section 2165 requires students at post-secondary institutions to prove they are immune to measles, mumps, and rubella. Most students prove they are immune by submitting proof of having received two (2) MMR vaccines, but there are several ways to become compliant with this law:

1. Provide a copy of the your childhood immunization record, that has been signed by a medical provider, and which showing the administration of the following:
   - Two (2) live measles vaccines
     - The first dose cannot be given earlier than 4 days before their first birthday.
     - The second cannot be given earlier than 28 days after the first dose.
   - One (1) or more mumps vaccine(s)
   - One (1) or more rubella vaccine(s)

2. Submit a laboratory report showing antibodies are present in your bloodstream against measles, mumps, and rubella. The actual report must be submitted, not a written document affirming immunity. Be sure the report you submit has your name and date of birth on each page.

EXCEPTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 2165:

Students born before January 1, 1957: Students who were born before this date are presumed to have been infected by the viruses and do not need to submit proof of immunization.

Medical Exemption: Students who cannot receive a measles, mumps, or rubella vaccine due to medical reasons may submit proof of this contraindication in order to receive a waiver from the MMR requirement. Have your medical provider send us a written statement specifying which immunization product(s) should not be administered, the reason, and how long the medical contraindication will last. Students granted medical waivers may be excluded from campus if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable communicable disease. Please contact the Decker Student Health Services if you have further questions.

Religious Exemption: Students who hold a genuine and sincere belief that is contrary to the practice of immunization may apply for a religious waiver. In order to qualify for a religious exemption, a student under 18 years old must submit a written statement signed by their parent or guardian stating that they hold religious beliefs contrary to the practice of immunization. Students 18 years old or older must submit such a statement to themselves to qualify for a religious exemption. This statement must demonstrate that the student, or their parent or guardian, holds genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the practices of immunization. Each statement requesting a religious exemption must be specific to the college in which the student is currently enrolled. Prior religious exemption statements addressed to other institutions are not considered valid. PHL Section 2165 does not allow for philosophical exemptions. Students wishing a religious waiver are required to sign Binghamton University’s Assumption of Risk form which explains that students who are granted religious waivers may be excluded from campus if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable communicable disease. Please contact the Decker Student Health Services to obtain an Assumption of Risk form or if you have questions about this process.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

New York state PHL Section 215 states that students who fail to submit proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella must be disenrolled from Binghamton University on the 30th day after the start of classes for in-state students, and on the 45th day after the start of classes for out-of-state students. Disenrollment means you are no longer a student at Binghamton University, and you must be removed from campus.