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Student Immunization/Health Policies and Recommended Practices

Southwestern Oregon Community College would like to remind all students, parents and guardians that Southwestern does not provide on-campus health care facilities and that it is the **students' responsibility** to provide for their own health care needs and services.

Oregon Community College students who are involved in any of the following programs or activities are required by the State of Oregon to have had two (2) doses of measles vaccine prior to each student's participation. This requirement applies only to those students born on or after January 1, 1957.

- **Students participating in Intercollegiate Athletics**
Those students participating in intercollegiate athletics will be provided with the proper forms by their coach or other athletic department staff. For more information contact your individual coach or the Athletic Department, Prosper Hall, 541-888-7452.
- **Students involved in Allied Health/Safety Programs**
Those students involved in an Allied Health/Safety Program such as Nursing, EMT/Fire Science, or CNA should contact the appropriate program coordinator/advisor for the proper procedures and forms. Nursing/CNA, Secretary Nursing/Allied Health programs, Sumner Hall, 541-888-7443. EMT/Fire Science programs, Fire Tower, 541-888-7432.
- **Students involved in Practicum/Internships in education and child care programs**
Those students who are involved in a practicum or internship in an educational setting, or who are involved in a childcare program, should contact the appropriate program coordinator for the proper procedures and forms. Internship Coordinator, Stensland Hall, 541-888-7272. Child Care programs, Family Center, 541-888-7336.
- **Students who will be living on-campus in Student Housing Residence Halls**
Students who will be living on-campus should provide a copy of their immunization records showing you have been immunized for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) twice since birth. You may scan this document and send it by e-mail to vbrumit@socc.edu or fax it to 541-888-7941.

Meningococcal Disease: Risks and Vaccinations

Southwestern Oregon Community College and The Centers for Disease Control recommends that all college freshmen living in campus residence halls be immunized against meningococcal disease. Please review the information below which will provide you with important knowledge on meningococcal disease and available vaccines.

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection sometimes referred to as bacterial meningitis. Meningococcal disease is rare; however, its initial flu-like symptoms can make early diagnosis difficult.

If not treated quickly the disease can lead to brain damage, vital organ failure, permanent disability and even death. Cases of meningococcal disease among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age have more than doubled since 1991. Recent studies indicate that college students living in dormitories and particularly freshman residents may have an increased risk of infection. An estimated 100-125 cases of meningococcal disease occur on college campuses nationwide each year. Of those students infected as many as 15 may die.

There are two effective meningococcal vaccines available. Both provide protection against four of the five strains of the bacteria which cause meningococcal disease (strains A, C, Y, and W-135). Both vaccines are considered safe and are well tolerated.

Please check with you primary care physician or the links below for more information:

Centers for Disease Control websites.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidid/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcalg.htm> for information on meningococcal disease.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/menus/vaccines.htm#mening> for information on meningococcal vaccines.

Student Health Insurance Information

Southwestern Oregon Community **does not** provide student health care services or health care insurance. Student health care insurance is available for purchase through an outside insurance provider.

For more information, or to obtain health care insurance registration forms, please contact the Office of Student Activities, Empire Hall, Room 208, 541-888-7316, or the Student First Stop Center, Dellwood Hall, 541-888-7352.