ALBRIGHT COLLEGE 1856

Vaccination Policy

Albright College requires all students taking classes on campus to have proof of certain vaccinations. As per the American College Health Association and the Centers for Disease Control, immunizations offer safe and effective protection from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks. To minimize the risk of a campus outbreak, students must provide proof of vaccinations, titers, or a waiver indicating the reason a student is not vaccinated.

Unvaccinated students should be aware that in the event of an outbreak, they may be required to leave campus and/or not be able to attend class, participate in college activities, or access campus buildings. There are limitations in reasons why a student may waive these requirements under Pennsylvania law.

Students may also be required to have additional immunizations for clinical, field, student teaching, or other experiential learning requirements.

Required Vaccinations

- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**: 2 doses of MMR at least 28 days apart after 12 months of age. Students may submit laboratory titers if unable to provide proof of vaccination.
- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap):** 1 dose of Tdap after age 11.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** 2 doses of Varicella at least 12 weeks apart if vaccinated between 1 and 12 years of age and at least 4 weeks apart if vaccinated at age 13 or older. Students may submit laboratory titers if unable to provide proof of vaccination.
- **Meningococcal ACYW (Meningitis):** Pennsylvania state law prohibits a student from residing in residential housing unless the student has received a one-time booster vaccination against meningococcal disease after age 16. ALL residential students MUST have proof of this vaccine. Albright College also highly recommends that any local student intending to live off campus with other college students should be vaccinated before occupancy.
    - □ An initial dose is given at 11-12 years of age, and the booster dose is given at 16 years of age or older.

Vaccination Exemption Requests

Students may request a medical OR religious vaccine exemption in accordance with applicable law. Vaccination medical exemption requests must be accompanied by medical documentation from a healthcare provider specifying the contraindication and provider's signature. Religious exemption requests must be accompanied by the student's signature or parent/guardian if under the age of 18. All exemptions must be requested on the **Statement of Exemption to Vaccination** form and submitted to Gable Health Center.