



## **IMMUNIZATION POLICY**

### **I. Purpose**

The Immunization Policy of Universidad del Turabo is herewith established to comply with the "The Higher Education Opportunity Act", the "Consumer Information", the "Information and Dissemination Activities-HEOA" and with Section 488(a) and Law Number 25 on Immunization, adopted on September 25, 1983 by the Department of Health of Puerto Rico.

### **II. Scope**

This policy applies to all incoming freshmen and transfer students of Universidad del Turabo (including its additional locations) who are 21 years or younger.

### **III. Policy**

To fulfill the commitment of educating about the importance of immunization and to monitor the prevention and control of infectious diseases that can be transmitted to people who are not protected, this Policy states that all students who enroll in Universidad del Turabo must have their full vaccination record up to date as the law requires. A student who meets the requirement of minimum age, as stated by the Department of Health of Puerto Rico, is considered adequately immunized.

The Department of Health of Puerto Rico states that the immunization requirements for higher education institutions are:

Incoming college students up to 21 years of age will be required at least the following vaccines:

- One (1) booster vaccine against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertusis Acelular (TDAP) and / or a reinforcement of Tetanus and Diphtheria (TD)
- Two (2) boosters of the Common Measles vaccine, German measles and



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mumps (MMR).

- Three (3) boosters of vaccine against Hepatitis B
- Three (3) boosters of Polio Vaccine (OPVIPV), provided that the last dose was administered in or after the four (4) years of age.
- Two (2) boosters of Chickenpox vaccine up to 18 years of age. If students have not been immunized against chickenpox and have suffered the disease, they must provide medical evidence attesting that he/she is immune to the disease.

#### IV. Procedure

The student must complete an application for admission and submit his/her original vaccination history as recorded in the form of PVAC -3 (green form). The Admissions Office will send a copy of the form to the Office of Medical Services so that it is registered in the "Puerto Rico Immunization Register" (PRIR) of the Department of Health. If the student does not have an original PVAC-3 form, a copy of the document will be referred to the Office of Medical Services for evaluation. The Office of Medical Services will accurately transcribe the information in the original PVAC -3 (green form) and refer this document to the Office of Admissions.

If the student provides no evidence of immunization, he/she will be referred to the Office of Medical Services. The Office of Medical Services will evaluate, verify and counsel the student if he is missing any boosters or vaccines that are required, for admission to the University.

The Office of Medical Services will check if the information is available in the "Puerto Rico Immunization Register" (PRIR) where the Department of Health of Puerto Rico stores the vaccination records, and to which that Office has access to. If the student's immunization



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information is available on the PRIR, the Office will request evidence and verify the identity of the student and proceed to complete an original PVAC-3 form and refer it to the Admissions Office.

If the university evaluates the PVAC-3 form and concludes that the student lacks certain vaccines or boosts, the student will be advised to visit the Department of Health (Immunization Center).

### **V. SANCTIONS**

If the student does not present evidence of PVAC - 3 he/she will be informed by the Admissions Office and / or the Office of Medical Services that he/she has a maximum of 45 calendar days to submit the evidence. Failure to provide the required evidence exposes the student to an enrollment cancelation / or to not be able to register for the next academic term. Students registered in the summer term must comply before that next academic term concludes.