

Vice-Chancellorship of Student Affairs

Office of Admissions

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

I. Purpose

The Immunization Policy of Universidad del Este is 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 Este (including its additional locations) who are 21 years or younger.

III. Policy

This policy is established 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. It states that all student who enroll in Universidad del Este 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 Pertussis Acellular (TDAP) and /or a reinforcement of Tetanus and Diphtheria (TD)
- Two (2) boosters of Common Measles vaccine, German measles and mumps (MMR)

- Three (3) boosters of vaccine against Hepatitis B
- Three (3) boosters of Polio Vaccine (OPV/IPV), provide that the last dose was administered in or after the four (4) years of age.
- Two (2) booster 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 application for admission and submit his/ her original vaccination history as recorder in the form of PVAC-3 (green form). The Admissions Office will send a digital copy to the Office of Medical Service 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 Service for evaluation. The Office Medical Service will accurately transcribe the information in the original PVAC-3 (green form) and refer this document to the Office of Admissions.

If the students provide 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 booster or vaccines that are required, for admission to the University.

The Office of Medical Service will check if the information in available in the” Puerto Rico Immunization Register” (PRIR) where the Department of Health of Puerto Rico stores the vaccination records, and to that Office has access. If the student’s immunization 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 Admission 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 demonstrate 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.