



Arizona Western College On-Campus Housing

Immunization Policy

Arizona Western College requires all students and staff living on campus to provide documentation that they have had **two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**.

You must submit proof of immunization to the Residential Life Office prior to residing on campus. We will accept photocopies of official immunization records from your health care provider's office or records from your high school.

If you do not have vaccine records, you may take the **Immunization Requirements** form to your health care provider's office to be completed and signed.

You may submit your records or Immunization Records form via fax, email, mail or drop them by our office. If you choose to send your records electronically (fax or email), you **do not** need to submit additional hardcopies. Please include your name, student ID and date of birth on any records that you submit.

It is important to make sure your records are legible, as they will not be accepted if the dates are not clear.

Additional *Recommended* Immunizations for students living in the residence halls

Meningococcal Vaccine:

Center of Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) highly recommends the **Meningococcal** Vaccine for any student residing in a residence hall. One injection offers protection from Bacterial Meningitis, which while not common, is a very serious and potentially fatal disease. Studies have found that college students living in residence halls are at greater risk than the general population.

According to the ACIP and the American College Health Association, **other recommended immunizations include:**

- Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td)—every 10 years
- Substitute one dose of Tetanus and Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) to replace the single dose of Td for adults who have previously not received a dose of Tdap
- Varicella (chicken pox)—if you have never had chicken pox disease
- Hepatitis B—series of 3 injections
- Hepatitis A—series of 2 injections, given if higher risk of exposure such as travel
- Polio—most students already received this during childhood
- Influenza (flu)—annually, for high-risk persons and anyone wishing to avoid the flu

For more information regarding these recommendations please visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines

The [Yuma County Health Department](#) provides all the standard vaccines at cost, but we require you to obtain them before your arrival on campus. Cost information may be found online and is subject to change. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Residential Life Office.