

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Measles outbreaks have occurred on college campuses nationwide. Tennessee also has experienced several outbreaks of mumps with the greatest incidence being in older school age children and adolescents. These outbreaks can be very disruptive to campus social and academic life and threatening to the health of individuals. Measles is highly contagious and can spread rapidly in a campus community causing serious illness. Complications include pneumonia, middle ear infection and occasionally encephalitis.

In an attempt to maintain a healthy campus environment, Austin Peay State University requires that all entering students born after 1956 furnish proof of having been immunized after January 1, 1980, with live measles vaccine (unless contraindicated because of pregnancy, allergy to a vaccine component, or other valid medical reasons). Immunizations prior to January 1, 1980, are not considered valid. Individuals born prior to 1957 are presumed to have been infected already and therefore immune to measles. Because of recent mumps outbreaks in Tennessee, we are also strongly encouraging immunization with the MMR vaccine.

This program will be administered by Student Health Services. All immunization records will be maintained in that department.

An official copy of the "Permanent Tennessee Certificate of Immunization" (form PH-2414) or comparable immunization form from another state must be completed and signed by a licensed health care provider and returned to Student Health Services prior to pre-registration. Immunizations will be available at both the University Student Health Services clinic as well as most Tennessee Health Departments. There is a fee for this service at both locations. Forms can be obtained at Student Health Services located in the Ellington Building.

Students failing to comply with this policy will not be allowed to register for their second or subsequent semesters. A hold, V1 (SIS-Screen 04H), will be placed on non-compliant records prior to pre-registration each semester. This hold will be removed by Student Health Services staff once the student complies.