



RESOLUTION

concerning

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS FOR CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM STUDENTS

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WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System supports and maintains that wellness is an important aspect of learning, and

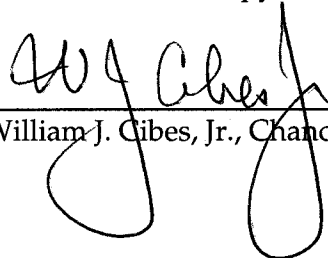
WHEREAS, The Board also encourages efficiency across all administrative venues as an important operational value, and

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 03-13 eliminates the requirement that higher education institutions obtain independent proof of adequate measles and rubella immunization for full-time or matriculating students who have graduated from Connecticut public or private high schools in 1999 and thereafter, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Board Resolution #01-69 is hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby adopts the addendum to this resolution, Policy for Required Immunizations and Vaccinations for Connecticut State University System Students, to reflect the change in the law.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Gibes, Jr., Chancellor

Policy for Required Immunizations and Vaccinations

FOR ALL STUDENTS:
Required Immunization

Each of the four Universities that comprise the Connecticut State University System requires full-time and matriculated part-time students born after December 31, 1956, to provide proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella. This proof is required before the student matriculates. Such proof is waived in the following cases:

- (1) If the student graduated from a Connecticut public or private high school in 1999 or after, thereby having provided such proof to the graduating secondary school in accordance with state law;
- (2) If the student presents a certificate from a physician stating that in the opinion of said physician, such immunization is medically contraindicated;
- (3) If the student presents a statement that such immunization would be contrary to his/her religious beliefs; or
- (4) If the student presents a certificate from a physician or the director of health in the student's present or previous town of residence stating that s/he has had a confirmed case of measles or rubella.

Each University will keep and maintain uniform records of the immunization and certificates of immunization or other evidence as outlined above, and the evidence shall be part of the student's health record.

On November 1st of each year, each President will ensure that a summary report of the immunization status of all full-time and part-time matriculated students enrolled at the corresponding University, is submitted to the Commissioner of Health Services on a form provided by the Commissioner.

When notified by a public health official that the continued presence on campus of a student who has not been immunized, presents a clear danger to the health of others, the President shall cause that student to be excluded from the campus or confined to the health services facility until that student presents a certificate of immunization or a statement from a physician clearly indicating that the student does not present a clear danger to the health of others.

Required Information

For the 2002-2003 school year and each school year thereafter, each university shall provide information about meningitis to all prospective students prior to their matriculation, and include with that information notice of the availability and benefits of a meningitis vaccine.

FOR ALL STUDENTS IN RESIDENCE:

Required Vaccination

For the 2002-2003 school year, and each school year thereafter, each of the four universities in the Connecticut State University System shall require all students who wish to live in university housing to provide proof of adequate vaccination against meningococcal meningitis before they are permitted to reside in university housing.

For the 2002-2003 school year, and each school year thereafter, any student shall be exempted from the requirements of this policy pertaining to all students residing in student housing who presents:

- (1) A certificate from a physician stating that in the opinion of such physician, such vaccination is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of such student; or
- (2) A statement that such vaccination would be contrary to his/her religious beliefs.

Each university will keep and maintain uniform records of the vaccinations and certificates of vaccination or other evidence as specified above and the record shall be a part of the student's permanent record.

When notified by a public health official that the continued presence at a CSU campus of a student who has not been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis presents a clear danger to the health of others, the President of the university shall cause the student to be excluded from student housing and the university until the student presents to the President a certificate of vaccination or a statement from a physician clearly indicating the student does not present a clear danger to the health or others.

ITEM

Policy on Required Immunizations and Vaccinations for CSU Students

BACKGROUND

In accordance with legislation, the Board in 1989 adopted a policy (BR#89-157) outlining measles and rubella immunization requirements for full-time and matriculated part-time students enrolled in the campuses that comprise the Connecticut State University System. These requirements allowed for certain exemptions to the law (medical contraindication, religious exemption, certified indication of having contracted measles and rubella, or enrollment in a program where congregation on campus is not necessary). In 2001, the Board amended the policy (BR#01-69) in accordance with new legislation pertaining to the Universities having to provide meningitis information to all students and requiring meningitis vaccination for students living in campus housing.

The original policy mandates that CSU institutions obtain proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella (with the above exemptions) for students born after December 31, 1956, before permitting them to enroll. This requires substantial administrative follow-up and pursuit.

During the past legislative session, a new law (Public Act No. 03-13) was adopted to provide administrative relief from such extensive follow-up and pursuit. This legislation eliminates the requirement to obtain proof of measles and rubella immunization from students who graduated from Connecticut public or private high schools in 1999 or after.

ANALYSIS

Requirements pertaining to the pursuit of proof of measles or rubella vaccination from students who are Connecticut high school graduates, is redundant and unnecessarily arduous. These students have already shown such proof while attending high school in accordance with state law (Section 10-204a, CGS). The administrative redundancy is particularly significant for CSU, where enrollments are comprised overwhelmingly of Connecticut high school graduates. The revised policy reflects the legislative easing of the unnecessary administrative pursuit in this regard.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the revised policy on Required Immunizations and Vaccinations for CSU students.