

POLICY

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Authority: [Board of Trustees Rules of Operations](#)
[Fair Labor Standards Act](#)

*Policy revised per changes by the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) pertaining to acceptable forms of documentation as proof of rubeola measles immunity.

Cancels: POL – U5400.01 Immunization Policy

See Also:

PRO-U1300.01A	Providing Proof of Rubeola Measles Immunization- Employment
PRO-U1300.01B	Providing Proof of Rubeola Measles Immunization - Students
PRO-U1300.01C	Responding to Local Rubeola Measles Outbreak
PRO-U1300.01D	Responding to Satellite Office Rubeola Measles Outbreak
FRM-U1300.01A	Proof of Measles Immunity - Employment
FRM-U1300.01B	Waiver Request Form - Employment
FRM-U1300.01C	Measles Policy Acknowledgement - Employment
FRM-U1300.01D	Proof of Measles Immunity - Student
FRM-U1300.01E	Waiver Request Form - Student
FRM-U1300.01F	Waiver Request Form (Summer Quarter Only) - Student
POL-U5415.01	Teleworking

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REQUIRING PROOF OF RUBEOLA MEASLES IMMUNITY

This policy applies to all students and employees born on or after January 1, 1957 regardless of classroom or work location. The university recognizes that rubeola measles poses significant health risks to non-immune individuals, disruption to university activities and operations, and expense to control.

Definitions:

Department Heads: Individuals which have the primary responsibility and accountability for management of a specific institutional unit or department (e.g. vice presidents, deans, chairs, and department directors).

Measles Immunity, Proof of: includes one of the following:

- a) Documentation of two doses of rubeola measles (not rubella) vaccine that were given:

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- After January 1, 1968,
- At least 30 days apart, and
- On or after 12 months of age, or

b) Documentation of a positive blood test for antibodies against rubeola measles.

Rubeola Measles: a highly contagious viral disease that is potentially fatal and often erroneously confused with rubella (German measles).

1. **Vice Presidents Ensure Compliance**

The Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs will ensure appropriate procedures are implemented and well communicated for employees.

The Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services will ensure appropriate procedures are implemented and well communicated for students.

All vice presidents and the President will take appropriate action to ensure the policy and procedures are followed in their respective areas.

2. **Documentation of Rubeola Measles Immunity Required**

Students and employees are required, at their own expense, to provide documentation satisfactory to the university verifying immunity (see procedures for students or employees).

Students are not allowed to register for classes, participate in campus activities, or move into university housing until they have provided appropriate documentation to the Student Health Center.

Employees hired on a permanent basis on or after the effective date of this policy must provide appropriate documentation to Human Resources within 60 days of their hire date.

3. **Documentation Requirement May Be Waived**

Students and employees may request the university waive the requirement to provide proof of rubeola measles immunity for personal, medical, or religious reasons.

Waiver requests for employees will be reviewed and approved by the Director of Human Resources. Waiver requests must be made within 60 days of hire date. Human Resources will notify hiring officials of those employees granted a waiver.

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Waiver requests for students will be reviewed and approved by the Director of the Student Health Center. Waiver requests must be made and approved prior to registering for classes, participating in campus activities or moving into university housing.

4. Official Outbreak to be Declared and Revoked by University President

An official outbreak will be declared and revoked by the University President upon recommendation by the Director of the Student Health Center and the Whatcom County Health Department. The status of the outbreak will be posted daily by University Communications on the university's website (www.wvu.edu) and Emergency Hot Line (360.650.6500).

5. Certain Students and Employees Banned In the Event of Outbreak

In the event of a rubeola measles outbreak, students and employees who have been approved for a waiver *or* employees who have not provided appropriate documentation will be banned from physically remaining at or reporting to work, attending classes, living in university housing, and participating in campus activities until health officials determine it safe to do so, or until appropriate documentation of immunity is received.

The Director of Human Resources is responsible for notifying those employees and their department heads of the ban. Department heads are responsible for ensuring that such employees are not allowed to physically remain at or return to work until the outbreak has officially ceased or are released to work by Human Resources.

The Director of the Student Health Center is responsible for notifying affected students.

The Director of Student Health and the Director of Human Resources will work with satellite site Directors and the appropriate health department authorities to ensure the ban is appropriately addressed where applicable.

6. Banned Employees and Students to Check Outbreak Status Daily

Employees and students banned from campus must check the status of the outbreak daily via the university website (www.wvu.edu) or Emergency Hot Line (360.650.6500).

Upon notification that the outbreak has officially ceased:

- a) Banned students may resume classes and return to university housing, and
- b) Banned employees must report to work.

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7. **Teleworking May Be Approved for Banned Employees**

Affected FLSA exempt professional staff may request approval from their department director or chair to telework full or part-time during the duration of the outbreak. Non-FLSA professional staff and classified staff may only telecommute if approval is granted in compliance with the [Teleworking policy](#). Faculty work assignments will be negotiated via the Provost's Office.

8. **Employee Pay Status May Be Impacted**

Banned non-exempt FLSA employees must use available accrued leave or leave without pay for any time not worked for full or partial days of .25 of an hour or greater.

Exempt FLSA staff and faculty who are not approved to telework during the duration of the ban must use accrued leave if available for each full day absent. If no accrued leave is available, exempt FLSA professional staff and faculty must take leave without pay for each work week where work is not performed.

9. **Employment May Be Terminated**

Permanent or probationary employees hired on or after the effective date of this policy will be terminated immediately after 60 days of employment if they have not:

- a) Provided proof of rubeola measles immunity or
- b) Received an approved waiver.

Non-compliant permanent and probationary employees hired prior to the effective date of this policy will be reported to the appropriate vice president, dean or director and are subject to banning and pay reduction provisions of this policy.

Policy sections # 5 and #8 apply to non-compliant temporary employees.

10. **Terminated Employees May be Reinstated**

Employees terminated due to non-compliance with this policy may be reinstated without competition if proper documentation is made to Human Resources within 30 days of termination.