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Dear College or Post-Secondary Student:

Beginning with the school year starting in August 2008, the list of immunizations (shots) that students must have before enrolling into some post-secondary schools in Vermont will change. **These changes will impact you if you were/are:**

- Born after 1956 and enrolling into a health science program either part-time or full-time.
- Born after 1956 and enrolling more than half time as an undergraduate (unless your instruction solely involves research, field work, or study away from the school).
- Attending school, either part-time or full-time, while on a student or other visa.

If these criteria apply to you, you must have received the following immunizations:

- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine or one dose of Td (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccine within the past 10 years (Tdap preferred)
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine
- 1 doses of meningococcal vaccine (required only for first year students living in dormitories)

If you have received all of these immunizations, please obtain a copy of your immunization record from your primary care provider's office, and send it to the school nurse or other health official at your school. If you have not received all of the required immunizations, please schedule an appointment with your primary care provider as soon as possible to assure you get the required immunizations.

If you have had chickenpox disease, you do not have to receive the shot for chickenpox. However, you will need to complete and submit to your school a form stating you have had this disease. This form is available at your physician's office, at your school, or at the Health Department's website:

http://www.healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/IZ_varicelladocumentation_020808.pdf

You may claim an exemption for one or more immunizations. Exemptions may be claimed for medical, religious, or moral reasons. However, you will need to complete and submit to your school an exemption form. This form is available at your primary care provider's office, at your school, or at the Health Department's website:

http://www.healthvermont.org/hc/imm/documents/IZ_School_Immunization_Exemption_Form.pdf

Please note that without the necessary documentation, you will not be able to enroll in school.





For further information or to access the forms listed above, please visit the Health Department's website <http://healthvermont.gov>, click on "Contents A-Z," then click on "Immunization Information for Families and Providers." You may also contact the Immunization Program by calling 1-800-464-4343 ext. 7683 [in Vermont].

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan A. Barry".

Susan A. Barry, MSA, ARNP
Immunization Program Chief

