

RESOLUTION

concerning

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS FOR
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM STUDENTS

November 8, 2001

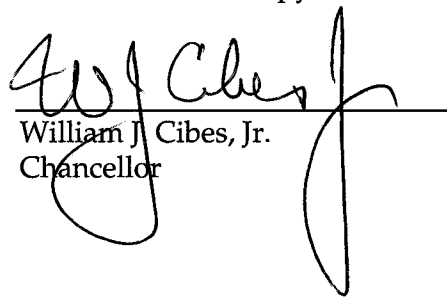
WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System supports and maintains that wellness is an important aspect of learning, and

WHEREAS, Public Acts No. 89-90 and 01-93 require proof of immunization or vaccination by certain categories of students for specified diseases, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Board Resolution 89-157 is hereby rescinded, and be it further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.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

Policy for Required Immunizations and Vaccinations
for Connecticut State University System Students

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

Required Immunization

Each of the four universities in the Connecticut State University System shall require full-time and matriculated part-time students born after December 31, 1956, to provide proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella before they are permitted to enroll.

Any student shall be exempted from the requirements of this policy pertaining to all students who presents:

- (1) a certificate from a physician stating that in the opinion of such physician such immunization is medically contraindicated;
- (2) a statement that such immunization would be contrary to his/her religious beliefs; or
- (3) a certificate from a physician or the director of health in the student's present or previous town of residence stating that the student has had a confirmed case of measles or rubella.

Each university will keep and maintain uniform records of the immunizations and certificates of immunization or other evidence as specified above and the record shall be a part of the student's permanent 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 that 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 a CSU campus of a student who has not been immunized against measles or rubella presents a clear danger to the health of others, the President of the university shall cause the student to be excluded from the campus or confined to the health service facility at the campus until the student presents to the President a certificate of immunization or a statement from a physician clearly indicating 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.

Policy for Required Immunizations and Vaccinations
for Connecticut State University System Students

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 student 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 resident 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 of others.

ITEM

Policy on Required Immunizations and Vaccinations for CSU Students

BACKGROUND

In response to legislation, the Board adopted a policy in 1989 outlining immunization and vaccination requirements for full-time and matriculated part-time students attending CSU institutions. The policy mandates proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella for students born after December 31, 1956 before they are permitted to enroll.

The policy also outlines exemptions from this condition and provides for certain reporting requirements by the President of the university to the Commissioner of Health Services.

ANALYSIS

In response to several outbreaks of meningitis in recent years, in the 2001 legislative session, the General Assembly passed PA 01-93 that now requires all prospective students be provided with information about meningitis prior to their matriculation including the availability and benefits of a meningitis vaccine. Students who plan to live in university housing are required to provide proof of such vaccination before they are permitted to take up residency. The revised policy addresses these new requirements.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the revised policy on Immunizations and Vaccination for CSU Students.