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Post-Secondary Institution Compliance with Public Health Law Section 2165, CNG-100.45

PURPOSE

To ensure compliance of Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2165 for all students at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. New York state PHL Section 2165 requires students attending post-secondary institutions who were born on or after January 1, 1957 and registered for six (6) or more credit hours to demonstrate proof of immunity against measles, mumps, and rubella. Those born before 1957 do not need to submit proof of immunization. The policy provides tracking of susceptible students in the event of a measles exposure. Susceptible students are those that do not have documented proof of immunity.

SCOPE

Students, Student Health Nurse, Faculty, SECON Administration

REFERENCES

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New York State Health Department. (2017). Immunization requirements for post-secondary institutions. Retrieved from <http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/#ln3>

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DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS

CDC: Center for Disease Control

LHD: Local Health Department

OCHD: Oneida County Health Department

PHL: Public Health law

NYSDOH: New York State Department of Health

SECON: St. Elizabeth College of Nursing

PROCEDURE / DIRECTIVE

1. All students are required to provide medical documentation of two measles, mumps rubella (MMR) vaccination dates or a rubeola (measles) titre, rubella titer, and mumps titer showing immunity prior to attending orientation to SECON. (See PHL 2165). The first dose must have been received no more than four (4) days prior to the first birthday and the second dose received at least 28 days after the first dose. If there are any students with exemptions, a list will be kept with the Student Health Nurse in the Health Office. If a student does not have an exemption, they will not be able to attend orientation without proof of immunity.

2. Exemption to immunizations include:

2.1. A medical exemption must be written by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and state that a valid contraindication to vaccination exists. The exemption must specify which immunization are contraindicated and why.

2.2. A religious exemption is a written and signed statement from a student (parent or guardian of students less than 18 years of age that he/she objects to immunization due to his/her religious beliefs.

3. A certificate of immunization (required to provide proof of immunity) includes documents such as a certificate from a health care provider, immunization registry record, cumulative health record from a previous school, migrant health record, immunization transfer record, military immunization record, immunization portion of a passport or and immunization record card signed by a health care provider. An immunization record may also show health care provider diagnosis of a disease or laboratory evidence of immunity. Immunization records must be signed or stamped by a health care provider.

4. In the event a student with a documented case of measles, the OCHD will be notified by the Student Health Nurse. The address for the OCHD is 406 Elizabeth Street, Utica, NY 13501 and the telephone number is 315-798-5747.

5. Control measures will be implemented with the student body as follows:

5.1 Any student diagnosed with Measles must be quarantined and cannot return to class for at least four (4) days after the rash has appeared. Students that are susceptible due to medical contraindications or religious exemption must be quarantined. These susceptible students are to be referred to the student health nurse for administration of immune globulin within six (6) days of exposure. The College Administration will be notified of the exposure and the students that need to be quarantined.

5.2 If a student who does not have documented proof of rubeola immunity has been exposed, they are excluded from class/clinical for 21 days from the last potential exposure (one incubation period). The NYSDOH Measles Fact Sheet will be distributed to all susceptible students along with instructions from the student health nurse to perform daily monitoring of signs/symptoms of disease. This distribution may be done via email. A tracking form to facilitate assessment will be given to the susceptible student(s) to assist in monitoring their symptoms.

5.3 The student health nurse will communicate daily with any quarantined student regarding status. Assessment of symptoms including temperature readings twice daily, malaise, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis, and rash.

5.4 All documentation of symptom checks are to be placed in the student's health record.

5.5 If any symptoms consistent with measles occurs, the student health nurse will notify the OCHD immediately.

CONTENT EXPERT(S) / RESEARCHER(S) / CONTRIBUTOR(S):

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Attachments

[Measles Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

[Measles Tracking Sheet.2018.docx](#)

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