

Committee Meeting: Policy & Governance Committee | Date: September 14, 2018

Committee Chair: Kathleen Masiello

New or Edited: Edited V-B-5 Student Immunization Policy

**POLICY NAME:** Student Immunization Policy

**POLICY TYPE:** Board

SUBMITTED BY: Heather Cruz, Dean of Students, South Campus

**ISSUE OR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To establish a College-wide policy for student immunization

requirements.

**NEW OR EDITED POLICY:** Edited V-B-5 Student Immunization Policy, approved 12/02

# **Immunization Statement:**

Every student born on or after January 1, 1957 or later and who is enrolled in six (6) or more credit hours at an accredited college or university is required by New York State Public Health Law 2165 to provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Proof of immunity compliance is accomplished by providing official documentation of two (2) measles immunizations, one (1) mumps immunization, and one (1) rubella immunization or by submitting serological proof of immunity.

New York State Public Health Law 2167 also requires colleges to distribute information about meningococcal disease and vaccination to all students regardless of age. Students are encouraged to review the materials provided to them. A Confidential Health Form must be completed and returned to the College Health Office indicating proof of vaccination or declination of immunization in order to be enrolled.

### **Student Immunization Policy:**

The law requires that students be withdrawn from College if proof of immunity is not provided within thirty (30) days of the start of classes. SUNY Erie Community College reserves the right to withdraw students who do not meet New York State Department of Health regulations as outlined above. Withdrawn students will not be permitted to return to the College during the same semester they were withdrawn. Students who have been withdrawn can attend the following semester, once completion of the New York State immunization requirements have been satisfied.

Additional information concerning College policies for students deemed as non-compliant, is available in the College Health Office on each campus.



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**DOES IT SUPERCEDE A POLICY/WHICH ONE:** Supersedes Student Immunization Policy V-B-5 approved in 12/02. The policy was edited to include new immunization requirements prescribed by New York State Public Health Law 2165 and 2167 respectively.

### POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Policy Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Board policy under Committee Briefings, Policy & Governance Committee. This Policy supersedes all prior policies/procedures and practices related to Student Immunization Policy.

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustee Kathleen Masiello, Trustee Susan Swarts, Student Trustee TK Adebayo, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance Penelope Howard, Vice President of Enrollment Steven Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs Nora Clark, Vice President of Facilities and Security Tracy Gast, Director of Registrar Paul Lamanna, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences Joanne Colmerauer, College Senate Representative Michael Delaney, Dean of Students Petrina Hill-Cheatom.

**DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL:** September 27, 2018

#### POLICY COMMITTEE TEAM FOLLOW-UP:

Following Trustee approval, this Board policy will be included in the SUNY Erie Community College Board of Trustees Policy Manual, included in the Student Handbook and on the website.

## INFORMATION/INPUT CONSIDERED DURING POLICY COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS:

NYS Public Health Law 2165

NYS Public Health Law 2167

The Policy has been reviewed and discussed at the Policy Committee meeting of September 14, 2018.