



PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION RELEASE

NAME _____

STUDENT ID or DATE OF BIRTH _____

I, the above named student, have read and understand the Northern State University Immunization Policy, as outlined below, and do hereby agree that by signing this release I verify that it is my intention to take all of my college courses online. Given this fact, I do not need to show proof of immunizations. If at any time during my course of study I take a course at any South Dakota Regental Institution or Center, I will immediately provide proof of required immunizations, when applicable, as noted in the NSU policy. If I fail to show required proof I will be refused admittance into the on-campus course until such time that I am able to show proof of immunizations.

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY IMMUNIZATION POLICY

All students who meet established criteria are obliged to demonstrate immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Relevant criteria – i.e., key factors which drive the need for compliance - are delineated below:

- Age: students born on or after January 1, 1957 must demonstrate immunity; those born prior to this date are excused.
- Course schedule: students who register for two or more credit-bearing classes – and at least one course involves face-to-face contact on a weekly basis for two or more weeks – are obliged to comply. This includes participation at all campuses, centers (including University Center, Capital University Center, and West River Higher Learning Center), and miscellaneous off-campus sites.
- Academic background: students who have completed prior collegiate course work *in the state of South Dakota* (initiated prior to July 1, 2008) are excused from compliance. Note: distance course work, dual credit, and credit by exam/validation do not qualify.

Acceptable evidence of immunity to each disease includes:

- Immunization record which specifies administration of two doses of vaccine
- Medical laboratory report that verifies presence of disease-specific antibodies in the blood (i.e., positive blood titer)
- Documentation of disease state as diagnosed by a qualified physician

The law recognizes that special circumstances may preclude ability to demonstrate compliance as detailed above. Those students for whom vaccination presents a threat to health/well-being and those who adhere to a religious doctrine that opposes immunizations may petition for a permanent exemption or temporary waiver as appropriate.

SIGNATURE

DATE