

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The Rules and Regulations of the State of Rhode Island require that a physician certify that you are immunized and free of communicable diseases.

MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA (MMR)

ANY PERSON BORN *PRIOR* TO 1956 SHALL BE CONSIDERED IMMUNE

Any person born *AFTER* 1956:

- Must have a documented evidence of natural immunity or serologic testing via physician, or
- Must have evidence of being immunized against measles, mumps and rubella with a live virus vaccine on or after 12 months of age. (Persons vaccinated prior to 1968 must be revaccinated), or
- Must show documentation that he/she is not a fit subject for immunization due to medical reasons.

Vaccination is preferred in lieu of serologic testing for immunity for women who are not pregnant.

An employee may be exempt from the immunization and requirements, provided:

- A licensed physician signs a medical exemption, stating that the employee is exempt from a specific vaccine for medical reasons, in accordance with ACIP guidelines:
- The employee completes and signs the Immunization Exemption Form on grounds of religious beliefs. Said form is available through the office of Disease Control at the Department of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS

- Prior to employment, you must file a report from a licensed physician that you are free from tuberculosis based upon a physical examination and negative (<10mm in duration) Mantoux (PPD) tuberculin skin test performed not more than six (6) months before the report is filed.
- If the Mantoux test is positive (>10mm in duration) or a previous Mantoux test is known to have been positive, the physician's certification that tuberculosis is not communicable shall be based upon documentation of a chest x-ray taken not more than six (6) months prior to the certification.