

College Immunization Code
77 Ill. Adm. Code 694

Proposed Rule Amendments Summary

This rulemaking proposes changes to the vaccination requirements for incoming college students at Illinois higher education institutions. Specifically, the proposed rulemaking adds a vaccination requirement for meningococcal disease (one dose of meningococcal vaccine on or after 16th birthday) and for pertussis – also known as whooping cough (students must have received at least one dose of Tdap within previous 10 years) – and will require college students to show proof of receipt of two doses of rubella, mumps-containing vaccines. The vaccination requirements will take effect beginning with the 2016-17 Fall term.

The proposed amendments will align college vaccination requirements with current accepted clinical practices as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Academy of Family Physicians (AFP). The Code has not been updated in over a decade and does not include current recommendations for protection against invasive meningococcal disease or pertussis, and lack adequate requirements to protect student transmission of rubella and mumps. In March 2013, ACIP updated its recommendations for the prevention and control of meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease can cause severe and devastating illness. The burden of disease is highest among infants aged less than one year, young adults aged 16 through 21 years, and persons aged 65 years and older.