Student Immunization Policy and Exemption Information

Randolph-Macon College follows the immunization guidelines adopted by the American College Health Association as well as the Virginia Code on Immunization in Higher Education.

It is the policy of the College that all incoming students must be vaccinated against Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. We also require immunization against Meningitis, Hepatitis B, and COVID-19. Incoming students must present documentation noting their vaccination status via the Health History Form distributed prior to arrival to campus. The deadline for return of the Health History Form is August 1. Current students must upload proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 through the Patient Portal no later than August 1, 2021. The Portal can be accessed here: https://www.rmc.edu/campus-life/student-health-center.

If a student’s religious beliefs or medical conditions preclude vaccination, the student must submit the appropriate exemption form as described below. If the student is less than 18 years of age, the waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian.

- **Religious Exemption**: Students requesting religious exemptions must complete the form below attesting that the administration of immunizing agents contradicts their religious tenets or practices, and submit a notarized copy through the Medicat portal. The form must be submitted no later than July 1, 2021.

- **Medical Exemption**: Students requesting medical exemptions must present a statement from a licensed medical provider attesting their physical condition is such that administration of one or more of the required immunizing agents would be detrimental to their health. Please use the form below. The form must be submitted through the Medicat portal no later than July 1, 2021.

All exemption requests will be evaluated for compliance with the College’s vaccination policy. Students will receive notification of exemption approval, request for further information if necessary, or notification that their exemption request has been denied.

In the event a student does not provide documentation of appropriate vaccination or appropriate waivers for non-vaccination, the College reserves the right to place a hold on the student’s account and/or to separate the student from the College until these requirements are met.

It is the policy of the College that in the event a vaccine-preventable disease is contracted, unvaccinated student(s) and/or the student(s) with the communicable disease will be removed from campus. Further, in the event of an outbreak of or other suspected exposure to a vaccine-preventable disease, unvaccinated students may be excluded from campus regardless whether they have contracted the vaccine-preventable disease. This follows the recommendation of the local and state Health Departments. This is for the safety and protection of the affected student as well as the community at large.

Students may be subject to regular mandatory testing, masking and distancing regulations, symptom screening, quarantine in the case of close contact with an infected person, or isolation in the case of infection, in accordance with applicable regulations and guidelines. Failure to fully and honestly comply with these requirements may result in removal of the student from campus and/or the College.

If an unvaccinated student is required to leave campus due to their immunization status, the college will not be responsible for financial or academic implications as a result (including but not limited to travel, missed academic class time, physician bills/appointments/treatment).

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Randolph-Macon College Religious Exemption Request

Student Name: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

The administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the above named student's/my religious tenets or practices. I understand, that in the occurrence of an outbreak, potential epidemic or epidemic of a vaccine-preventable disease, Randolph-Macon College may order my/my child's exclusion from campus, for my/my child's own protection, until the danger has passed.

Students who have received other vaccinations and are now requesting a religious exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine may be asked to articulate the sincerely held religious belief that distinguishes between administration of the COVID-19 vaccine and previously administered vaccines.

_________________________________________________________________________ Date

Student Signature

_________________________________________________________________________ Date

If under 18, Parent or Guardian Signature

Students may remain subject to symptom screening, masking and distancing requirements, mandatory testing, quarantine in the case of close contact with an infected person, or isolation in the case of infection. Failure to fully and honestly comply with these requirements may result in removal of the student from campus and/or the College. Randolph-Macon College may require a student who is diagnosed with a communicable disease to remove themselves from campus immediately and be housed either at home or at another location of their choosing. Parents and students will have full responsibility for all costs incurred for travel home and/or off-campus housing. In the case of an outbreak of a specific disease, it is plausible that public health officials could mandate a quarantine, thereby preventing non-immunized students access to any part of the campus.

I assume full personal responsibility for all health, financial, academic, and logistical issues that might occur resulting from waiving or delaying required immunizations.

_________________________________________________________________________ Date

Signature of Student, or Parent/Guardian if under 18

I hereby affirm that this affidavit was signed in my presence on

This _____________ Day of ______________________________

Notary Public Seal
Randolph-Macon College Medical Exemption Request

Student Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Circle any applicable immunizations for which a medical exemption is requested:

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)  Hepatitis B  Hepatitis A  Tetanus  Polio
Varicella (chicken pox)  Bacterial Meningitis  COVID-19  All immunizations

To be Completed by Licensed Medical Provider

Medical Exemption
The physical condition of the above-named individual is such that immunization would endanger life or physical health.

Health Condition Precluding Immunization (please describe):

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Name (please print) ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

Date ____________ Phone # ____________

To be Completed by Student/Parent

Students may be subject to symptom screening, masking and distancing requirements mandatory testing, quarantine in the case of close contact with an infected person, or isolation in the case of infection. Failure to fully and honestly comply with these requirements may result in removal of the student from campus and/or the College. Randolph-Macon College may require a student who is diagnosed with a communicable disease to remove themselves from campus immediately and be housed either at home or at another location of their choosing. Parents and students will have full responsibility for all costs incurred for travel home and/or off-campus housing. In the case of an outbreak of a specific disease, it is plausible that public health officials could mandate a quarantine, thereby preventing non-immunized students access to any part of the campus.

I assume full personal responsibility for, and will hold the College harmless from, any and all health, financial, academic, and logistical consequences to me that might result from my waiving or delaying required immunizations.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

If under 18, parent or guardian signature ___________________________ Date ____________