

# Your Immunization Records

**ACTION REQUIRED: COMPLETE YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS INFORMATION BY JUNE 3**

The Cox Health and Counseling Center's dedicated health professionals are here to provide services that promote wellness and empower students. To ensure you receive the best care, please **complete the required immunization form** and **upload your vaccine records** in the PyraMED student health portal by **June 3, 2025**.

We will send you a secure message in your PyraMed student health portal within eight weeks of completion if we have follow-up questions or concerns regarding your vaccine status. You will also receive a message in your Kenyon email notifying you that you have a secure message in your PyraMed student health portal. If you do not hear back from the Cox Health and Counseling Center, then consider that your form has been reviewed and is complete.

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**Students must have completed all health forms (including their immunization records) and responded to any follow-up questions by Monday, August 11, 2025 to register for fall 2025 courses.**

## HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS REQUIREMENTS

1. Log in to the **PyraMED student health portal** using your Kenyon username and password.
2. Authenticate with **Duo**.
3. Click **My Forms** on the student health portal home page.
4. Select **Immunization History Form**, complete it, and click **Submit**.  
Please note that within the Immunization History form, you will be required to submit supporting documentation. (Upload ALL your vaccine records and/or titers to prove immunity). You will have the option to choose "Immunization Record" and can upload multiple times from files stored on your computer. Accepted file formats: PDF, JPEG, TIFF, PNG, BMP or GIF. Click save.

If you have any difficulties or questions, we're here to help.

**General Assistance** including student health portal access, form information, or technical concerns:  
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You are also welcome to contact us directly at [health@kenyon.edu](mailto:health@kenyon.edu) or 740-427-5525.

Additional information about vaccine requirements, exemption guidance and restrictions for non-immunized students are included below. For more information, see the **Cox Health and Counseling Center website**.

Sincerely,

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# Immunization Requirements

Kenyon College prioritizes the health of the entire campus community by requiring immunizations for all students. Our vaccine guidelines align with recommendations from the American College Health Association (ACHA) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## REQUIRED VACCINES

All first-year and transfer students must provide proof of vaccination before arriving on campus.

- Hepatitis B: three doses
- Meningococcal ACWY: one dose after age 16
- Meningococcal B: completed series in two or three doses of Bexsero or Trumenba  
*Doses must be from the same manufacturer (not interchangeable)*
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): two doses
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis): one dose within the last ten years
- Varicella (Chickenpox): two doses  
*If you have had the disease, a lab titer result must be provided to confirm immunity*

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

These vaccines are highly recommended but not required before arriving on campus

- COVID-19: Booster recommendations vary based on seasonality and circulating strains
- Hepatitis A: two doses
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus):
  - Two doses if the series was started before age 15
  - Three doses if the series was started at age 15 or older
- Influenza: Annual flu vaccine (offered on campus during fall semester)
- Polio (IPV): three doses

## RECORDS REQUIRED

In addition to completing the Immunization History form, you must upload your immunization records into the student health portal. Please refer to the first page of this document for instructions on how to upload your records.

# Vaccine Exemption Requests

Kenyon College prioritizes the health and safety of our community and expects that most students will be fully vaccinated to help reduce the risk of infection. However, the College recognizes two types of exemptions to immunization requirements: medical exemptions and religious exemptions.

All exemption requests must be submitted as soon as possible and no later than **June 3, 2025** to allow for timely processing. Exemption requests should be uploaded as a document in the student health portal. Kenyon College may request additional information to review and evaluate exemption requests.

## MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

A medical exemption may be granted if a student has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving a vaccine. Common reasons for medical exemptions include:

- A weakened immune system due to illness or prescribed medication
- A severe allergy to a vaccine or one of its ingredients
- A history of a serious medical reaction to a vaccine requiring medical care

### How to Request a Medical Exemption

To apply for a medical exemption, students must submit a letter from a licensed medical provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) that includes:

- The student's full name and date of birth
- A clear medical justification for the exemption

## RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS

A religious exemption may be granted to accommodate a student's sincerely held religious beliefs, practices, or observations that prevent them from receiving a vaccine.

### How to Request a Religious Exemption

To apply for a religious exemption, students must submit **one** of the two options:

1. A written and signed personal statement (signed by a parent/guardian if the student is under 18) that includes:
  - An explanation of the student's religious belief, practice, or observation
  - A description of the specific exemption being requested
  - A statement explaining how the exemption resolves the conflict between the student's religious beliefs and the College's immunization requirement
2. A letter from a clergy member or religious leader that includes:
  - The student's full name
  - A description of the student's sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observation
  - A statement explaining why the immunization cannot or should not be received

# Restrictions for Non-Immunized Students

If a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak occurs, non-immunized students will receive guidance from the Cox Health and Counseling Center in consultation with local public health authorities.

## **DURING AN OUTBREAK**

- Non-immunized students may be required to leave campus if conditions are deemed unsafe by the College and public health officials.
- Students may return to classes and housing once the local public health officer and Cox Health & Counseling leadership determine it is safe.
- Academic and financial responsibilities remain with the student—Kenyon will not refund fees, compensate for missed coursework, or transition classes to a hybrid format due to an outbreak-related absence.
- Confirmed cases of vaccine-preventable diseases in the local area may require students to complete daily symptom check-ins and communicate with the Cox Health and Counseling Center.

## **HOUSING ADJUSTMENTS**

- Residential assignments may be modified if necessary to protect the health of students.
- Changes will be made on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Office of Residential Life.