Policy:

All new students are required to submit documentation of immunizations before attending classes at KCAI. Additionally, students who are residing in the Living Center must provide documentation of receiving the meningococcal vaccination, or sign a waiver of receipt of educational materials, but have chosen not to receive the vaccination. If documentation of immunizations and/or the meningococcal waiver is not received 10 calendar days prior to the first day of the semester, the student forfeits registration and will be dropped from classes. A member of the Student Affairs staff will notify the student of their pending drop and seek remediation with the student. Once documentation and/or the meningococcal waiver has been received, the student may re-register for classes. However, when re-registering, KCAI cannot guarantee that spaces in classes are available as class availability may be limited at that time.

Required Immunizations
MMR – Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must comply with the MMR immunization policy, which requires two (2) vaccines against measles and one against mumps and rubella. The first measles vaccine or combination measles/mumps/rubella vaccine (MMR) must have been given at age 12 months or later. A second vaccine for measles or MMR must have been administered at least one month after the first one.

MUMPS – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends a second dose of mumps-containing vaccine for students attending colleges, or other post high-school educational institutions, who lack other evidence of immunity.

Updated recommendations for the control and elimination of mumps
Students attending colleges are considered at high risk for infection. It is now recommended:

- Receive a second dose of mumps-containing vaccine, for a total of 2 doses, if vaccinated once before; or
- Receive 2 doses of mumps-containing vaccine, separated by a minimum interval of 28 days, if never vaccinated. Additional information on mumps prevention and control can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and by checking with your local public health agency.
Recommended Immunizations

- Update tetanus booster (every 10 years)
- Varicella vaccination (if there is no childhood history of chicken pox)
- Hepatitis B
- Annual influenza vaccine
- Meningitis vaccination (all students who will reside in the Living Center)

IF YOU ARE RESIDING IN THE LIVING CENTER, YOU MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF RECEIVING THE MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION OR SIGN A WAIVER THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, BUT HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO RECEIVE THE VACCINATION. You will not be allowed to move into the Living Center without this waiver or a copy of your meningitis immunization. Failing to comply with art institute policy will interfere with your ability to attend classes.

Examples of acceptable documents include:
- Copies of personal immunization records or baby book records
- Copies of high school or previous college immunization records
- Copies of physician office or Health Department immunization records
- Copies of medical records from personal health provider or hospital
- Copy of Rubeola titer (measles)

Exemptions

- Students born prior to January 1, 1957 are exempt from providing proof of vaccination to measles, mumps and rubella only.
- Religious or Personal belief: Students must submit a written, signed and dated document detailing the objection to immunizations based on religious texts or practices and/or personal beliefs. The request will be taken into consideration by an appropriate college official and the student will be notified of the decision.
- Medical: If there is a medical condition that contraindicates the vaccine(s), student must submit a signed declaration from their personal healthcare provider.