Summary of Higher Education Vaccination Requirements in Oklahoma Immunization Service Oklahoma State Department of Health

These requirements apply to public and private postsecondary educational institutions beginning with the 2004-2005 academic year.

1. Institutions shall provide detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the risks and benefits of the vaccine as well as the availability of the vaccine to students who reside in on-campus student housing.

2. Students who are first time enrollees and who reside in on-campus student housing shall be vaccinated against meningococcal disease unless a waiver is signed by individuals 18 years of age or older or by the parents of individuals under 18 years of age

3. Institutions shall not be required to provide or pay for vaccinations against meningococcal disease

4. Full-time or part-time students shall provide written documentation of vaccination against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella.

5. The requirement shall not apply to students enrolling in courses delivered via the Internet or distance learning in which the student is not required to attend class on campus.

6. Institutions shall notify students of the requirement for vaccination against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella and provide students with educational information on hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella upon enrollment. This information shall include the risks and benefits of vaccination.

7. Institutions shall not be required to provide or pay for vaccination against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella.

8. A written statement from a licensed physician indicating that a vaccine is medically contraindicated shall exempt a student from the hepatitis B and/or measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations. Students may also obtain exemptions to the hepatitis B and/or measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations by submitting a written signed statement declaring that the administration of vaccine conflicts with the student's moral or religious tenets or, if the student is a minor, the student's parent or guardian provides a written statement that the administration of the vaccine conflicts with the parent's or guardian's moral or religious tenets.