

North Carolina has recently changed the immunization laws for schools (10A NCAC 41A.0401). It is important for high school seniors and their parents/guardians to be aware of these changes. These laws will affect students entering college or university for the first time on or after July 1, 2008.

Any person enrolling in college or university for the first time on or after July 1, 2008 must have:

1. One booster dose of Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) vaccine if five or more years have passed since their last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid (Td).
2. Two doses of mumps vaccine before enrolling.

Although the schools maintain records of shots that were given to the school at registration, vaccines that were given after enrollment may not be documented at the school. Students will not be allowed to enter college or university without documentation of these vaccines.

If you have any questions concerning these new laws, please contact your school nurse, your private physician, or the Onslow County Health Department 347-2154.