MMR Immunization Requirements

The Arkansas Department of Health requires The Graduate School of John Brown University to document that incoming students have met the state’s requirement of having received one (1) dose of the MMR vaccination. Foreign-born students are required to have two (2) doses of the MMR vaccination.

In order to be compliant, JBU must have a record of MMR immunizations. The Graduate School accepts four types of records with the dates in which the immunizations were received:

1) a doctor’s record signed by the physician
2) school immunization records
3) military immunization records or
4) a record from the state health department

JBU must receive records within thirty (30) days after acceptance into a graduate program.

There are possible exemptions to having to present record of these immunizations. Those born prior to 1957 are automatically exempt. Students can also apply for a medical, religious, or philosophical exemption from the Arkansas Department of Health. Forms may be requested by e-mailing immunization.section@arkansas.gov. The number to call for questions is 501-661-2169. This process must be done annually before the fall semester and the “letter of exemption” must be sent to JBU Health Services each year. There is a good deal of paperwork associated with these exemptions. Those filing for an exemption should ask the state to issue a letter stating that they are in process of filing for an exemption so that JBU can have that in the student records until the exemption is official.

Students who do not follow through with providing acceptable documentation of MMR immunization records or exemption will have holds placed on their account and will be unable to register for courses for future semesters until the records are received and approved.