

Request for the participation in an action for the prevention of outbreaks of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella-Zoster (Chickenpox) in the campus.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella-Zoster (Chickenpox), highly contagious viruses, still have not been eradicated in Japan. Thus, the precautionary measures for preventing outbreaks of these infection are essential in the campus.

The current worldwide consensus is that receiving vaccines twice against each virus can keep it away from the receiver for a life. Indeed, in the US, a student who gains admission to a university is required to finish these vaccine series by entrance to the campus in the state law.

Since no legal regulation regarding this issue has not been established in Japan, Keio University cannot force the vaccinations on the students. However, in view of that receiving these vaccine series can reduce the risks of these infections in the receivers, Health Center, Keio University strongly recommends completing these four lines of vaccine series by entrance to the campus and/or by an early stage after entrance to the campus. Simultaneously, the participation of more students in this action achieves smaller risks of outbreaks of these infectious diseases in the campus.

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- 1) One vaccination against MR (MMR) is equivalent to one vaccination against Measles and Rubella each (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella each).
- 2) A person who has been suffering from the disease(s) listed above previously may not have to receive the vaccines for the disease(s). In addition, there is a person who is prohibited to receive vaccinations because of various conditions including diseases of which he/she is suffering. Before receiving vaccines, ask a medical institution or the chief doctor regarding adaptation of vaccines.
- 3) A student who may have a chance(s) to enter a school(s) different from Keio University in the future, such as who planning to go on a study abroad, who planning to take teaching practice program, and so forth, may be required to submit a certificate in which completing the four lines of vaccine series are required. This is another reason why Health Center, Keio University recommends completing the vaccine series as soon as possible.
- 4) For students of medical schools, pharmacy school, school of nursing, and medical graduate schools, different regulations for the prevention of these virus infections are established. The details will be explained after entrance to each school. For a person who have completed the above-mentioned vaccine series, the required duties in the regulations may be reduced.

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