

Vaccination Policies in Housing & Residence Life

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Vaccinations are a critical component of health and safety in campus housing, helping to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in high-density living environments. As housing and residence life departments work to align with state and federal health regulations, the latest Campus Housing Index (CHI) results regarding vaccination requirements offer valuable benchmarking data to support informed policy development and compliance.

Key Findings

Commonly Required Vaccinations

Vaccines are mandated in various combinations, with measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) and Meningitis being the most consistently required across institutions.

COVID-19 Vaccination

While not universally required, a notable number of institutions included COVID-19 vaccination in their list of mandatory immunizations, reflecting ongoing public health considerations.

Differences by Institutional Sector

There were noticeable policy differences between public and private institutions, with higher percentages of private institutions requiring vaccines in every category.

Institutions Not Requiring Proof of Vaccination

A considerable percentage of institutions indicated they do not require proof of vaccination for students in campus housing, suggesting a reliance on broader institutional or governmental health policies or a degree of flexibility in policy implementation. Notably, public institutions were more than twice as likely as private institutions to report they do not require proof of vaccination.

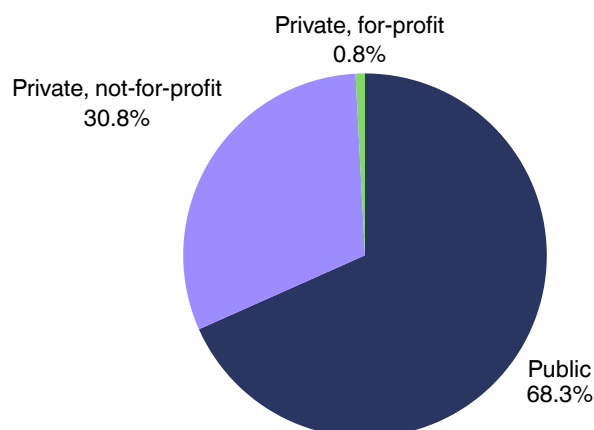
Other Notes

Some institutions listed “Other” under required vaccinations, suggesting additional or institution-specific requirements. The presence of tuberculosis screening requirements was also notable, and may be related to institutions with larger international student populations.

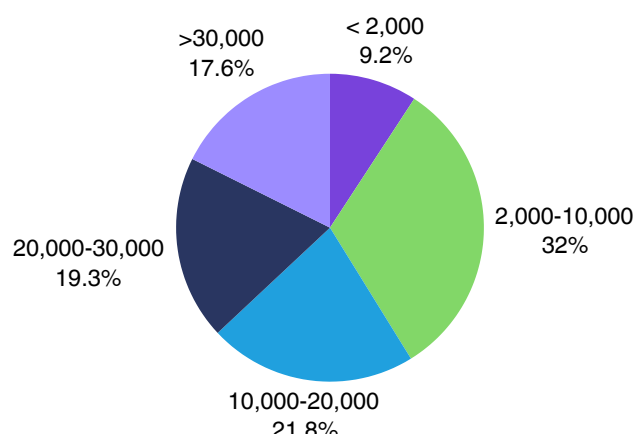
	All Institutions	Public Institutions	Private Institutions
<i>TDAP (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)</i>	41.2%	34.1%	56.8%
<i>Varicella (chicken pox)</i>	30.3%	24.4%	43.2%
<i>MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)</i>	59.7%	48.8%	83.8%
<i>Meningitis</i>	58.0%	52.4%	70.3%
<i>Hepatitis B</i>	32.8%	25.6%	48.6%
<i>Polio</i>	22.7%	17.1%	35.1%
<i>Tuberculosis</i>	26.9%	20.7%	40.5%
<i>COVID-19</i>	14.3%	12.2%	18.9%
<i>Proof of vaccination is not required</i>	27.7%	34.1%	13.5%
<i>Other</i>	6.7%	7.3%	5.4%

Participating Institution Characteristics

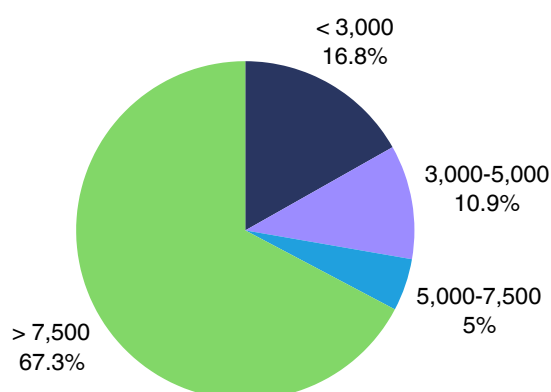
Institutional Sector



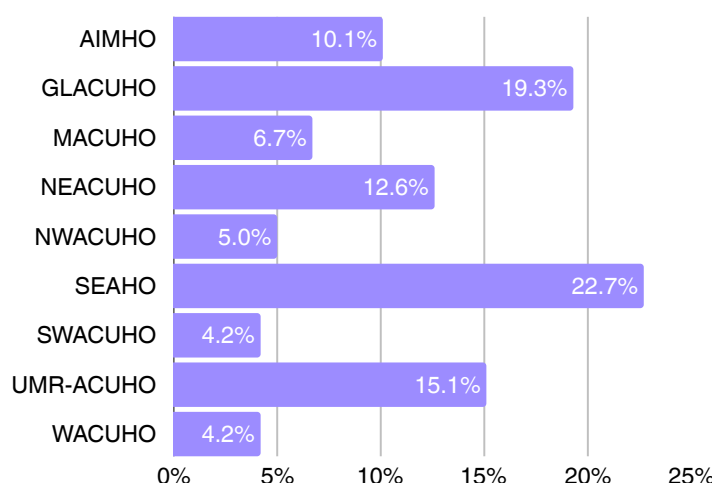
Undergraduate Enrollment



Bed Capacity



ACUHO-I Region



The Campus Housing Index (CHI) is a data tool that allows campus-based professionals to compare their campus operations against customized groups of similar campuses. This report utilizes CHI data collected in 2024. All data are representative of the 2023-2024 academic year. In total, 155 institutions participated in data collection; a subset of 119 institutions are represented in the results presented.

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Learn more about the CHI by visiting <https://www.acuho-i.org/resources/chi/> or contacting CHI@acuho-i.org.

Additional Resources

- State Vaccine Requirements for College: <https://www.ncsl.org/health/state-vaccine-requirements-for-college-entry>
- State Laws & Requirements by Vaccine: <https://www.immunize.org/official-guidance/state-policies/requirements/>
- *Taking a Shot*, ACUHO-I Talking Stick story: https://ts.acuho-i.org/july_2025/taking_a_shot.html

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