

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HSC STUDENTS

All students are required to provide documentation of immunizations. **A complete list of immunization requirements can be found on the next page.** Students enrolled in a program that is online-only will be exempt from submitting immunization requirements. All other students must upload documentation for immunizations and maintain up-to-date records.

UPLOADING DOCUMENTATION

Students will document immunizations through **Medicat**, our immunization compliance partner. To submit documentation for immunization requirements, visit **unthsc.medicatconnect.com** and login using your university EUID and password. For step by step upload instructions, visit unthsc.edu/students/student-health.

Once uploaded, we will verify your entries and notify you of any non-compliance issues. If you have questions concerning Medicat compliance issues, contact complianceservices@medicat.com. If you encounter other issues with Medicat please contact support@medicat.com.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE

Vaccination compliance will be evaluated prior to the start date of the semester. If you have not met the requirements, you will have a hold placed on your account and will not be able to register for upcoming classes unless all requirements are met.

If you are an incoming or current HSC student needing immunizations or titers, you can schedule an appointment with the Student Health Clinic by calling 817.735.5051.

EXCLUSIONS

Students may request an exemption from immunization based on medical contraindications or sincerely held religious practice or belief. However, a student who is eligible for and receives an exemption from may be denied clinical placement at affiliated clinical sites and HSC cannot ensure alternate placement. Students who receive an exemption may be prohibited from engaging in direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids to protect the patients from illness or disease. An exempt student also may not be eligible to participate in any volunteer, or paid experience as a representative of HSC if the experience involves contact with human patients, human research subjects, human fluids, or human tissues. The full HSC policy for Immunizations and Health Screenings for Students can be found [online](#).

| Immunization/Screening | Required Documentation |
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| Hepatitis B | <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative lab report (titer) showing immunity** |
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) | <p><u>One</u> of the following is required:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Two doses of MMR <input type="checkbox"/> Two doses of Measles, two doses of Mumps, and one dose of Rubella <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative lab report (titer) showing immunity |
| Varicella (Chickenpox) | <p><u>One</u> of the following is required:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative lab report (titer) showing immunity* <input type="checkbox"/> Two doses of vaccine <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* History of Chickenpox is not proof of immunity</i></p> |
| Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) | <input type="checkbox"/> One dose within the last 10 years* <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* Td vaccine is acceptable substitute if Tdap is medically contraindicated</i></p> |
| Tuberculosis Screening (TB) | <p><u>One</u> of the following is required:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 2-step PPD skin test (1 st year students) <input type="checkbox"/> Annual PPD skin test (all other students) * <input type="checkbox"/> QuantiFERON TB Gold/T-spot blood test (only required for students with positive PPD results) <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of latent TB infection or treatment for active infection (required for students with positive QuantiFERON blood test) |
| Influenza (Flu) | <input type="checkbox"/> One vaccine required annually |
| Meningitis | <input type="checkbox"/> One vaccine within the past 5 years* <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* Students under age 22 only</i></p> |
| Physical Exam & Medical History | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical history and physical exam dated within 1 year of matriculation into program. Must have clinic or provider stamp* <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* GSBS and SPH students exempt</i></p> |

**If Hep B titer results are negative, students must repeat 2 or 3 dose vaccination. Students repeating the vaccines series are required to repeat the titer 4 weeks after the last dose of vaccine series. Students can be considered as a "Non-Responder" to Hep B if documented 6 vaccines/5 vaccines (those given 2 dose series) and 2 negative titers. A "Non-Responder" letter will need to be provided by clinician or physician.

IMMUNIZATION FAQs

HEPATITIS B

How long does it take to complete the Hepatitis B series?

Full immunization for Hepatitis B requires a series of 3 doses administered over a period of approximately 6 months (schedule of 0,1,6 months) or 2 dose series administered at least 4 weeks apart.

What should I do if I am not immune based on my titer result?

If you do not show immunity to Hepatitis B with a negative titer, you must:

1. Begin repeating the entire Hepatitis B series.
2. Upload the negative titer lab report to Medcat.
3. Upload proof of the 1st vaccine into Medcat.
4. Fill out the Repeating Hepatitis B Series form and upload it to Medcat.
5. Continue to complete the series on schedule, then repeat titer 4-8 weeks after the last dose.

What if my 2nd titer shows that I am still not immune?

Students who have completed two Hepatitis B series and two titers showing non-immune must complete an additional lab test to rule out Hepatitis B infection (must be ordered by a licensed medical professional). Then follow up with provider for counseling and completion of Hepatitis B Non-Responder Waiver. Waiver must then be uploaded into Medcat for compliance.

MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR)

What if my MMR titer comes back as negative?

If you are not immune (negative titer result) you must repeat the series. That is 2 vaccines at least 4 weeks apart.

VARICELLA

If I have had chicken pox in the past, will that meet the varicella requirement?

A history of chicken pox is not proof of immunity. A positive titer can be used as proof of immunity.

What if my Varicella titer comes back as negative?

If you are not immune (negative titer result) you must repeat the series. That is 2 vaccines at least 4 weeks apart.

TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST

How is the Tuberculin Skin Test administered?

The tuberculin skin test (TST) is performed by injecting 0.1 ml of tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD) into the inner surface of the forearm. The skin test reaction must be read between 48 and 72 hours after administration. If it is not read within 72 hours you will need to be rescheduled for another skin test.

What if I have had a positive PPD skin test in the past?

Depending on your history, you will either need a QuantiFERON TB Gold blood test or a symptom screening. If you are unsure, contact the clinic to determine which screening you will need.

What is a 2 Step PPD and why do we need to receive a 2 Step?

A 2 step PPD is 2 skin tests taken 1-3 weeks apart. Two-step testing is useful for the initial skin testing of adults who are going to be retested periodically, such as health care workers. This two-step approach can reduce the likelihood that a boosted reaction to a subsequent TST will be misinterpreted as a recent infection.

HISTORY & PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

What do I need to submit to Medicat?

To meet this requirement, you will need to submit one of the following: 1. Patient Plan showing medical history and physical exam performed, 2. Physical Exam summary with medical history, 3. Signed note from doctor or EMR stating medical history and physical exam was performed.

MENINGITIS

Am I required to submit the meningitis vaccination?

Only students who are the age of 21 and younger are required to submit the meningitis vaccination. If you are 22 by the first day of the semester you will be exempt from providing documentation.