Pre-Matriculation Immunization Requirements for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Healthcare Professional (HCP) Students

The University of Pennsylvania has strict immunizations requirements. All full-time healthcare (School of Nursing, Dental School, School of Medicine) students must meet the requirements of both the university and their program.

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMING STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ARRIVING ON CAMPUS. Vaccine documentation must include at least the month and year.

**Hepatitis B**

- 3 Dose Series (Doses 1 and 2 must be administered at least 4 weeks apart. Dose 3 should be at least 6 months after the 1st dose and 8 weeks after the 2nd dose. If documentation of each dose of the completed series is unavailable, students will need to have a 3 dose series administered again.)
  
  AND

- Positive titer (blood test report showing immunity)
  
  ➢ Negative titer requires booster dose AND repeat titer in 4 weeks

**Please Note:**

- Hepatitis B Non-Responder (Negative titers after 2 full series):
  
  ➢ Submit two completed 3 dose series AND submit two negative titers AND schedule a Student Health Service (SHS) Primary Care appointment upon arrival to campus

- History of Hepatitis Illness
  
  ➢ Submit medical documentation and bloodwork reports AND schedule a SHS Primary Care appointment upon arrival to campus

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**

- 2 Dose Series (Dose 1 must be administered after the 1st birthday; Doses 1 and 2 must be administered at least 4 weeks apart)
  
  OR

- Positive titer (blood test report showing immunity)

**Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap - Adacel or Boostrix)**

- One-time dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) required after age 10, with Tdap or Td boosters every 10 years thereafter

**Please Note:** A Td vaccine alone does not satisfy this requirement. A DTP primary series is not accepted

**Varicella (Chicken Pox)**

- 2 Dose Series (Dose 1 must be administered after the 1st birthday; Doses 1 and 2 must be administered at least 4 weeks apart)
  
  OR

- Positive titer (blood test report showing immunity)
  
  with History of Varicella illness (Chicken Pox)
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Meningococcal A, C, Y, and W-135 (All Students Living On Campus)

- 1 dose administered at age 16 or older of Meningococcal vaccine (A,C,Y,W-135)
  - Age 21 or younger: Submit proof of vaccination
  - Age 22 or older: Submit proof of vaccination OR Meningococcal Vaccine Waiver Form found on the SHS website

Tuberculosis (TB)

- Two-Step PPD skin test for TB Testing
  - First step
    - Accepted from US medical provider within 6 months of entrance to Penn OR PPD placed at SHS
  - Second step
    - On-campus testing by SHS only
  - OR

- IGRA blood test (lab report of Quantiferon-TB Gold or TSpot-TB within 6 months of entrance to Penn)
  - IGRA takes the place of the Two-Step PPD skin test

Please Note: History of positive PPD skin test or IGRA blood test

- Submit documentation of positive test for TB infection and any treatment given
  - AND
    - Submit copy of negative radiology report (chest x-ray performed in the US)
      - International chest x-rays are not accepted
      - Schedule a nurse appointment at SHS
    - Films and CDs are not accepted
    - TB symptom check is required annually

Influenza (Flu Shot)

- 1 dose annually. Students should upload documentation of a dose given during the 2020-2021 flu season.

Other Requirements

Physical Exam

- Some programs require a physical exam. Full-time students can receive this evaluation at SHS with a scheduled appointment (no additional charge, covered under the University Clinical Fee).

Exemptions from Requirements

Students seeking exemption from the immunization requirements for a medical contraindication or for a religious or philosophical belief that prohibits immunizations must contact their school/program for an Immunization Exemption Form.

If you have questions, please contact us at (215) 746-3535 or email vpul-immun@pobox.upenn.edu. Please do not send immunization records through email as they will not be processed. Please see https://shs.wellness.upenn.edu/imemfinfo to learn how to submit your records online.

You can visit us at:
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Student Health Services
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