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: Requirements should be completed before arriving on campus. Vaccine documentation must include at least the month and year of administration.

**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)

**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
Continued Required Immunizations
Healthcare Professional (HCP) Students

**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 2021-2022 flu season.

**COVID 19 (Sars-CoV-2)**
- 1 or 2 dose series recommended. Depending on the manufacturer a booster dose may be required.

**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 may be exempted from the immunization requirements if there is a medical contraindication or if religious belief prohibits immunizations. A signed statement indicating specific medical contraindication from a Medical Doctor, Osteopath, Nurse Practitioner or a Physician Assistant is required for medical exemption. Students with religious beliefs that prohibit them from immunization must submit a signed Declaration of Religious Objection form. This form may be requested by contacting the Office of Immunization Compliance. If the exemption includes meningococcal vaccine, the Meningococcal Waiver must also be submitted. The Online Student Health History and TB Risk Screening Form still must be completed. Please note that any exemption approvals will be made in conjunction with your school’s exemption policy.

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.

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