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Student Immunization Requirements

Policy

In compliance with the State of Texas Higher Education Mandatory Immunization Requirements and recommendations of the Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Division and Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention, all students are required to complete the required immunizations as a condition of enrollment.

All required immunizations maybe required in healthcare or research areas must be completed before a student may participate in any activity.

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TETANUS TOXOID, REDUCED DIPTHERIA TOXOID AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (Tdap): All students must have one dose of Tdap replacing one decennial Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) booster. Students who will have patient contact or be in a clinical setting during their educational program must also have one dose at an interval of two years from their last Td.

> ***NOTE*:** Onedose of **Td** within the last ten years will be accepted for students who will have no patient contact and will not be in a clinical setting during their educational program.

MEASLES (Rubeola or red measles): Students born in or after 1957 must have either (1) documentation of **two** doses of measles or **two** doses of MMR vaccine (separated by at least 30 days) after 12 months of age **OR** (2) a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

MUMPS: Students born in or after 1957, must have either (1) documentation of **one** dose of mumps or MMR vaccine after 12 months of age **OR** (2) a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

RUBELLA (German Measles): All students must have either (1) documentation of **one** dose of rubella or MMR vaccine after 12 months of age **OR** (2) a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

VARICELLA (Chickenpox): All students must have **two** immunizations, a

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report of a positive titer, **OR** report a date of illness. *Please note this is the **ONLY** immunization that may have a date of illness reported as documentation of satisfying the immunization requirement.*
*A report of illness **does not** meet theimmunization requirement for measles, mumps or rubella (for which a student must provide dates of immunization or positive titer reports adequate to indicate immunity).*

HEPATITIS B: All students must have a series of **three** immunizations **and** documentation of a positive titer 4-6 weeks after the third immunization. ((*It takes a minimum of 4 months to complete the series of three immunizations, as the second immunization is given 4 weeks after the first, and the third at least 8 weeks after the second and 16 weeks after the first*.)

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST (PPD): All students must have a skin test and reading within 6 months of enrollment. TB skin tests are also required on an annual basis while enrolled.

CHEST X-RAY: Required **for students with** a history of a positive PPD test reading only. The student must provide documentation of the date of the positive PPD result **AND** a negative chest x-ray taken after the date of the reported positive PPD.

Bacterial Meningitis: All new or returning students entering UTMB after January 1, 2012 (a "returning student" is an individual with a break in enrollment at UTMB of three or more months) must provide evidence of vaccination at least 10 days prior to the first day of the first semester in which the student initially enrolls or returns after a break in enrollment. The vaccination (or booster) dose must have been administered during the five-year period preceding this date.

Evidence of vaccination that will be accepted includes:

(1) a form signed or stamped by a physician (or his/her designee) or public health personnel which shows the month, day, and year the vaccination dose or booster was administered;
(2) an official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority; **or**
(3) an official record received from school officials, including a record

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from another state.

A student is not required to submit evidence of vaccination (or a booster dose) against bacterial meningitis if:

(1) the student is thirty years of age or older by the first day of the first semester in which he/she wishes to enroll;
(2) the student is enrolled in online or other distance education courses only;
(3) the student is enrolled in a continuing education course or program that is less than 360 contact hours, or continuing education corporate training;
(4) the student is enrolled in a dual credit course which is taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a higher education institution campus;
(5) the student is incarcerated in a Texas prison; or
(6) the student submits:
    (A) an affidavit or certificate signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician's opinion, the vaccination required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student; or
    (B) an affidavit signed by the student stating that the student declines the vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including religious belief. A conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services must be utilized to claim this exemption.

NOTE: *The exemption noted in (6)(B) above does not apply during a disaster or public health emergency, terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action, or extraordinary law enforcement emergency declared by an appropriate official or authority from the Texas Department of State Health Services and is in effect for the location of the institution the student attends.*

References

State of Texas Higher Education Mandatory Immunization Requirements
Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Division CDC