

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.

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 at unthsc.edu/StudentHealth.

Immunization/Screening	Required Documentation
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* <p style="text-align: right;"><i>* GSBS and SPH students exempt</i></p>

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.

ADDITIONAL TITERS

Do I need a titer to show immunity for Varicella or MMR?

No. A titer showing immunity is **not** required for Varicella or MMR. Titers for MMR or Varicella should only be performed if you have received the vaccine but do not have proof of receiving the vaccine. A positive titer will meet your vaccine requirement(s). If your titer is negative (no immunity) you must repeat the vaccine series but will not be required to repeat the titer.

TB SKIN TEST

What is a TB skin test?

The TB skin test is a diagnostic tool for tuberculosis (TB). The test involves two visits; administration of PPD on the inner surface of the forearm, and the reading 48-72 hours later. A negative TB skin test will have an induration less than 10 mm. A positive skin test will have an induration of 10mm or more and will require additional testing.

What if I have a positive TB skin test or have had a positive 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 Skin Test 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. 2-Step PPD Form

HISTORY & PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Is there a form that I am required to use?

No, any documentation from your provider of a completed physical exam is acceptable.

The form must be signed by a licensed medical professional and have the official clinic or provider stamp. The form can be signed by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, doctor, or other licensed medical professional.

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.