

UNTHSC Immunization and Screening/ Testing Policy

For students who will have direct patient contact

This includes all DO students, all PT students, all PA students and select GSBS students.

Required titers: Evidence of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (chicken pox), and Hepatitis B is required for all students with patient contact based on CDC guidelines. Titers are blood tests that show whether you have immunity to a specific disease. These titers are required regardless of your immunization status. You can have these quantitative titers drawn prior to matriculation and send the official records to the Student Health Clinic or you can set up an appointment at the Student Health Clinic to obtain a lab order for the required titers.

Required immunizations: Official documentation of the immunizations listed below is required. Please send these records to the Student Health Clinic.

Hepatitis B -3 doses

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) -2 doses (or Measles 2 doses, Rubella 1 dose, and Mumps 1 dose)

Inactivated Polio (IPV) - 4 doses

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP) -5 doses

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) - 1 dose

- If it has been greater than 2 years since your last Tetanus, Diphtheria booster (Td) and you have never received a Tdap vaccine you will be required to get Tdap vaccine in order to boost your immunity to Pertussis (whooping cough).
- If it has been less than 2 years since your last Tetanus, Diphtheria booster (Td) and you have never received a Tdap vaccine you will be due for a Tdap vaccine 2 years after the last Td booster.

Required tuberculosis testing: Annual PPD skin test for tuberculosis is required for all UNTHSC students. If you have previously received BCG vaccine you will still require an annual PPD skin test. If you have a history of a positive PPD you must schedule an appointment with a student health physician and bring all records with you.

Required History and Physical Exam: All students who will have direct patient contact are required to have a complete history and physical within 1 year of matriculation. This can be done prior to matriculation and official documentation from your physician can be faxed to the Student Health Clinic or you can make an appointment to be seen in the Student Health Clinic after orientation.

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