



Immunization Requirements for UNM Students in Healthcare Programs

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All healthcare students (e.g., Medical, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Radiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Nutrition, Medical Technology, and Athletic Training), need to show evidence of having obtained the following immunizations and tests as part of their clinical education compliance. **Students need to submit their records to the UNM SHAC Allergy & Immunization Clinic for review and verification.** An appointment is also highly recommended.

If students have questions about these requirements, nurses in the Allergy and Immunization Clinic will advise, make recommendations, and provide vaccines or tests as indicated. Please call UNM SHAC reception to make an appointment after uploading documentation to the SHAC Health Portal, 505-277-3136.

Instructions on how to access the SHAC Health Portal and upload documents is located at <http://shac.unm.edu/services/allergy-immunization/hsc-clinical-students.html>.

All Health Sciences Center students are required to upload documents to verify immunization information. Acceptable documentation includes official vaccine records such as:

- World Health Organization Certificate of Vaccination
- Childhood vaccine cards
- State registry printout
- School records
- Medical records
- Employee records
- Civil Surgeon records

If you do not currently have records of your past Immunizations, you may want to check the following:

- Your High School
- State Department of Health
- Pediatrician &/or current PCP's office

Please see the following pages for requirements and recommendations

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMS

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)* -- 3 options to meet requirement below

Option 1	Two doses of MMR vaccine
Option 2	Two (2) doses of Measles Two (2) doses of Mumps One (1) dose of Rubella
Option 3	Serologic proof of immunity for Measles, Mumps, and/or Rubella

**Serologic testing (Option 3) is required for individuals who received MMR vaccine prior to 1978*

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis -- One (1) dose of adult Tdap. If last Tdap is more than 10 years old, another dose of Tdap **or** Td is required.

Varicella (Chicken Pox) – 2 options below

Option 1	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine
Option 2	Serologic proof of immunity for varicella

Hepatitis B Vaccination AND Serologic Testing*

Option 1	Three (3) doses of Engerix-B, Recombivax or Twinrix
Option 2	Two (2) doses of Heplisav-B

A Quantitative Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (titer) is **also required and preferably should be drawn 4-6 weeks after completion of the 3-dose or 2-dose (Heplisav-B only) Hepatitis B series is complete. If negative, follow up vaccination and testing will take place based on CDC guidelines and protocol. Please consult with a SHAC Allergy & Immunization nurse for guidance. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6210.pdf>*

Influenza – One(1) dose annually during flu season by December 1st

Tuberculosis Testing (no history of positive result)* – Baseline 2 step Tuberculosis Skin Test or IGRA Blood Test; Individuals with history of BCG vaccine are encouraged to have an IGRA blood test

Option 1	Two (2) TST placement and readings. Each distinct test must be separated by at least 1 week but completed within a 4-week window. Tests completed within 6 months of start of program are acceptable.
Option 2	IGRA blood test (QuantiFERON TB Gold [QFT] or T-Spot.TB) within 6 months before start of program

**Individuals with prior positive TB test history will need documentation of their positive test, a recent chest x-ray, and record for treatment of Latent TB Infection (LTBI) or Active TB Infection, if treatment completed. An annual symptom screen will be required for individuals who have not completed treatment for LTBI. Please consult with a SHAC Allergy & Immunization nurse for guidance.*

**If a student tests positive during the process of their TB testing, the SHAC nurse and provider will work with the student on their required clearance and any additional follow-up care and education.*

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm?s_cid=mm6819a3_w

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

COVID-19/SARS-CoV2	CDC recommends that everyone aged 6 years and older get 1 updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to stay up to date. Further considerations exist for those 65 and older and people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for person with chronic liver disease, international travelers, and certain other groups at increased risk for exposure to hepatitis A.
Meningococcal (MCV4)	<p>Those who are routinely exposed to isolates of <i>N. meningitidis</i> should get one dose.</p> <p>A MCV4 series is recommended for HCP with known asplenia or persistent complement component deficiencies, because these conditions increase the risk for meningococcal disease.</p> <p>HCP traveling to countries in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic also are at increased risk for infection and should receive vaccine.</p>
Pneumococcal (PPSV)	PPSV is recommended for healthy persons aged ≥65 years. PPSV is also recommended for persons aged <65 years with certain underlying medical conditions, including anatomic or functional asplenia, immunocompromise (including HIV infection), chronic lung, heart or kidney disease, and diabetes.

Potential Requirements (check with your program coordinator)

Medical clearance for N95 Respirator Fit Testing	<p>If you are required to complete fit testing, please find instructions and form for clearance for fit testing at http://shac.unm.edu/services/allergy-immunization/hsc-clinical-students.html</p> <p>After clearance letter is obtained, UNM Environmental Health & Safety will perform testing: https://ehs.unm.edu/occupational-safety/respiratory-protection.html</p>
Urine Drug Screening	Your program will provide you with information on where to complete a UDS. We do not do occupational UDS at UNM Student Health & Counseling currently.
Annual TB Testing	Some clinical sites that students rotate through may require annual TB testing.

References:

Immunization of Health-Care Personnel: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6007.pdf>

TB Screening, Testing, and Treatment of US Health Care Personnel:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm#print>

Hepatitis B Virus Protection: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6210.pdf>