



## STUDENT HEALTH & COUNSELING

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# 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, 505-277-3136.

Below is a complete list of **Required** Immunizations and tests:

1. **Hepatitis B:** THREE (3)-DOSE series completion, must have documentation.

**\*Healthcare personnel (including students/trainees) who lack documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination should be considered unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated (when documentation for some Hepatitis B vaccine dose[s] is lacking) and should receive additional doses to complete a documented Hepatitis B Series.**

2. **Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG):** In addition to completing the Hepatitis B series, a Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG) for confirmation of immunity is required and preferably should be drawn 4 to 6 weeks after completing the hepatitis b series. Titers drawn before completing the Hepatitis B series, or with inadequate spacing after receiving the third Hepatitis B vaccine dose, will not be accepted.

**\*Please note that students with chronic active hepatitis B or those found to be non-responders to the hepatitis B vaccine series will not need to repeat the hepatitis B series. Please discuss these matters with a SHAC Allergy and Immunization nurse if applicable.**

3. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):**

- a. TWO (2) DOSES **after 1978** (each dose in the 2-dose series must be spaced at least 4 weeks apart, with the first dose given **after** 1<sup>st</sup> birthday). Individuals who received MMR vaccines in or prior to 1978 will need to meet the requirements in “b” below.

OR

- b. Titers (IgG) showing immunity for each disease: Rubeola (Measles), Rubella, Mumps.  
COPIES OF LAB RESULTS ARE REQUIRED.

4. **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Please obtain documentation when you receive the vaccine.  
PLEASE NOTE: Unless students receive Influenza vaccine at Student Health & Counseling, we do NOT have copies or access to copies of Influenza vaccine received elsewhere, including UNMH, other UNM clinics or any of the Flu Shot Clinics on North Campus or in the UNM SUB.
5. **Tdap (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.

**6. Varicella (Chickenpox):**

- a. Proof of TWO (2) doses of Varicella vaccine (each dose in the 2-dose series must be spaced at least 4 weeks apart, with the first dose given **after** 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)

OR

- b. Positive Varicella Titer (IgG): A COPY OF LAB RESULT IS REQUIRED.

**7. Tuberculosis Screening:**

**a. UPON ENTRY TO PROGRAM:**

- i. A **Two-Step Tuberculosis Skin Test** (aka TST or PPD—two separate placements and two separate results) is required within six (6) months of starting the 1<sup>st</sup> year in a healthcare program. Each test placement must be separated by one week.

OR

- ii. A current **T-Spot or QuantiFERON Gold TB test** within six (6) months of starting the program.

OR

- iii. **History of Positive TB Test:** If you have a history of a positive TB test, you should bring documentation of the positive TB test result, chest X-ray result, and treatment completion (if applicable).

**b. ANNUALLY:**

- i. A TB Skin Test (aka TST, PPD) placed day 0 and read within the 48 to 72 hour time period.

OR

- ii. A T-Spot or QuantiFERON Gold TB test

OR

- iii. A symptom screen (only those with a documented prior history of a positive TB test and negative chest xray).

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

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| • World Health Organization Certificate of Vaccination | • Childhood vaccine cards | • Medical records  |
|                                                        | • State registry printout | • Employee records |
|                                                        | • School records          |                    |

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

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