

CERTIFICATION OF IMMUNIZATION

You will be approved to register only after you satisfy all immunization requirements. Immunization requirements for **ALL** students are on the next page. These requirements must be met by all incoming students regardless of the program they are enrolling in.

You must submit your immunizations to UTRGV Health Services. You may submit these to healthservices@utrgv.edu, by mail to the above address, fax to (956)665-2512. or hand deliver the records to the clinic.

Once you have submitted your required information and it has been verified by our office we will release your immunization hold. We recommend that you submit this information immediately to avoid any delays in your registration process.

If you are a prospective or current student at UTRGV and need immunizations or titers, you are welcome to use Student Health Services – no appointment is required (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). You may also call to obtain our current vaccination prices.

Documentation of immunizations:

- A completed UTRGV immunization form signed and reviewed by your health care provider is required
- Please also submit any supporting immunization documentation generated from a state or local health authority

Please note:

- **Titers are required for vaccinations that are not up-to-date. You may have those done before you arrive for Orientation. However, please know you will not be allowed in any clinical activity unless this requirement is satisfied.**
- **You must submit a copy of the laboratory report on all titers**
- Please submit your immunization record only when you have completed ALL of the required documents
- Documentation must be legible
- We recommend that students keep a personal copy of their immunizations and titers for future needs

If there are any questions regarding immunization requirements, please contact Student Health Services

Main Phone Number: 956-665-2511

Fax number: 956- 665-2512

On the Web: <http://www.utrgv.edu/health-services/>

| REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS | MINIMUM REQUIREMENT |
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| Tetanus Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) | One dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) within the past 10 years. Td/DPT/Dtap does NOT satisfy this requirement. |
| Measles (Rubeola) | If you were born on or after January 1, 1957: Documentation of 2 doses of measles vaccine administered on or after your first birthday and at least 30 days apart OR documentation of 2 doses of MMR vaccine Administered since January 1, 1968 OR a positive rubeola titer confirming immunity or evidence of prior infection. |
| Mumps | If you were born on or after January 1, 1957: Documentation of 1 dose of mumps vaccine administered on or after your first birthday OR documentation of 1 dose of MMR vaccine OR a positive mumps titer confirming immunity or evidence of prior infection. |
| German Measles (Rubella) | If you were born on or after January 1, 1957: Documentation of 1 dose of rubella vaccine administered on or after your first birthday OR documentation of 1 dose of MMR vaccine OR a positive rubella titer confirming immunity or evidence of prior infection. |
| PPD (TB) Skin Test or Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test | Documentation of negative two step PPD (tuberculin skin test) OR Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test within the past 6 months, even for those who have received BCG vaccine as a child. If PPD or Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test is positive, a chest x-ray documenting no active tuberculosis must be submitted with immunization form. |
| Hepatitis B Series | Documentation of 3-dose series (second dose one month after the first and third dose six months after first dose) OR lab report of positive hepatitis surface <u>antibody</u> titer. Must be vaccinated to most current status possible prior to registering for classes. |
| *Meningococcal (Meningitis) | Documentation of one dose of meningitis vaccine if you will be younger than 22 prior to the beginning of classes. The vaccine must be administered within 5 years and at least 10 days prior to enrollment. (Students 22 and older are NOT required to have meningitis immunization) |
| Varicella (Chickenpox) | Documentation of a two-dose varicella series (second dose one month after first dose) OR a positive varicella titer confirming immunity. History of chickenpox disease is NOT accepted titer required |
| Flu Vaccine | Documentation of current seasonal flu vaccine from Student Health Services or proof of immunization received off campus. Mandatory vaccine is to be obtained on a yearly basis. |
| Polio Vaccine | Documentation of completed polio vaccine series. Doses of IPV are usually given at 2, 4, 6 to 18 months, and 4 to 6 years of age. |

****Important information regarding the Meningococcal Vaccine***

Texas law mandates that Texas universities and health science centers require all new and transfer students show proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis. The law does not apply to new and transfers students who are 22 or older at the time of enrollment or who are enrolled only in distance learning classes.

Exceptions permitted by law are:

- 1) Students who can provide proof that a health care provider has determined that it would be a health risk for the student to have the vaccine; or
- 2) Students who use the *Exemption Form* issued by the Texas Department of State Health.

Obtaining the required form from the Texas Department of Health Services to establish an exemption for reasons of conscience is a time-intensive process that usually takes about a month. If you are anticipating using this exemption, then you will need to start this process early. This form can be requested at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm#exclusions> .

Important information regarding exception: Please be advised that students that utilize the exemption as described above, may not be able to complete clinical experiences secondary to individual community facility immunization standards, which will affect matriculation at UTRGV SOM.