

CERTIFICATION OF IMMUNIZATION 2019

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 Student Health.

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:

- 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 you have any questions regarding immunization requirements, please contact Student Health Services:

Main Phone Number: 956-665-2511 Fax number: 956- 665-2512

Email: healthservices@utrgv.edu

On the Web: <http://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/student-experience/student-services/health-services/>

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT
Tetanus Diphtheriaand 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)	Documentation of 2 doses of measles vaccine administered on or after your first birthday AND a positive rubeola titer confirming immunity.
Mumps	Documentation of two doses of mumps vaccine administered on and after your first birthday AND a positive mumps titer confirming immunity.
German Measles (Rubella)	Documentation of two doses of the MMR vaccine on and after your first birthday AND a positive rubella titer confirming immunity.
Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test	Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test within the past 6 months, even for those who have received BCG vaccine as a child. If 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 for:

- 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 Exceptions:** *Our Students should be aware that our community clinical affiliates have their own requirements regarding immunizations. A student who is granted an immunization exception at any time during their medical education years, may not meet the affiliate's requirements, thus not be allowed into clinical rotations and preceptorships, which are a requirement for successfully completing the UTRGV medical program. If a student is not able to complete the required clinical experiences, they will not fulfill the academic requirements and will be referred for academic dismissal.*