The University of Texas Medical Branch
Student Health
Immunization and Titer Requirements

Immunizations are required for all students and must be completed before starting school. The new Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine Requirement or Exemption Form must be completed 10 days before the start of class.

MENINGOCOCCAL (Bacterial Meningitis): One dose required within 5 years of the first class day and at least 10 days before the first class day. You are exempt if you are 22 or older the first day of your first semester, or an online or distant education student exclusively. If you are required to come to campus for any interaction including orientation you are not exempt from the requirement. Exemptions can be granted for medical and conscience reasons. For medical reasons, documentation from your physician is required. For conscience or religious reasons, exemptions must be on the form from the State of Texas found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school. This can take up to two weeks to obtain and must be received within 90 days from the time it was notarized.

TETANUS TOXOID, REDUCED DIPHTHERIA TOXOID AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (Tdap): All students must have one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), then a Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) booster every 10 years thereafter.

MEASLES (Rubeola or red measles): You must have either documentation of two doses of measles or two doses of MMR vaccine (separated by at least 28 days) after the first birthday OR a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

MUMPS: You must have either documentation of two doses of mumps or MMR vaccine (separated by at least 28 days) after the first birthday OR a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

RUBELLA (German Measles): Required for all students. You must have either documentation of one dose of rubella or MMR vaccine after the first birthday OR a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

NOTE: Some clinical sites are only accepting titer results. If you have the vaccine and titer please provide both results.

VARICELLA (Chickenpox): You must have proof of a positive Varicella titer OR have proof of two Varicella vaccine immunizations.

HEPATITIS B: A series of three immunizations and documentation of a positive quantitative titer 4-6 weeks after the third immunization. (The second immunization is given 4 weeks after the first and the third at least 8 weeks after the second and 16 weeks after the first. It takes a minimum of 4 months to complete the series of three immunizations). At least a month after the last immunization a titer is drawn to verify immunity.

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST (PPD): TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING: You must be screened for Tuberculosis every 12 months while enrolled. Screening may include TB skin test (PPD), Quantiferon Gold blood test OR T-spot blood test. A CXR may be indicated. OR if you have a history of a positive PPD: CHEST X-RAY: Required ONLY if there is a history of a positive PPD test reading. You must provide documentation of the date of the positive PPD and a negative chest x-ray taken after the date of the reported positive PPD. Note: Some clinical sites are requiring a CXR every year after a positive PPD reading. Students would be responsible for the cost of the CXR.

UTMB complies with the State of Texas Higher Education Mandatory Immunization Requirements and recommendations of the Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Division and the CDC. Immunizations MUST be completed before a student may participate in direct patient care.

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