



## **Policy Title**

Required Immunizations

## **Identifier**

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## **LCME Standards**

10.6 – Content of Informational Materials

12.7 – Immunization Guidelines

## **Scope**

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Greenville students

## **Policy Statement**

The USC School of Medicine Greenville requires that all matriculating students have certain immunizations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

## **Reason for Policy**

To provide USC School of Medicine students clarity on immunizations

## **Procedures**

Prior to matriculation, students will be required to provide a current medical history with immunization data to USC School of Medicine Greenville that has been verified by a licensed physician, nurse or physician assistant.

In order to ensure the health and safety of students and patients in both the classroom and clinical settings, students must provide the following immunization records or laboratory serology titers:

- **Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** Two doses of MMR vaccine or positive titers documenting immunity to each.
- **Polio:** Positive titer or at least three doses of IPV or OPV. If more than three doses were given, list the last three.
- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap):** One dose of Tdap vaccine is required regardless of the timing of the last dose of a Tetanus/Diphtheria-containing vaccine.
- **Tuberculosis (TB):** 2 step PPD administered in the current year. The blood test can be used for incoming M1 students only and must have been drawn within the current year.
  - If you have a positive TB screening, you must provide documentation of a Chest X-ray within 90 days of your start-date as well as a TB Screening Form.
  - A history of BCG is not a contra-indication to TB testing.
- **Varicella:** Two doses of the Varicella vaccine or a positive Varicella titer.

- **Hepatitis-B:** One of the following:
  - 3-series vaccination and a positive Quantitative Hep B Surface Antibody (titer)
  - 3-series vaccination with negative titer and 1 booster (the other 2 boosters and subsequent titer will be provided by GHS Employee Health & Wellness after school has started)
- **Meningococcal:** Students are strongly encouraged to receive the conjugated meningococcal vaccine prior to matriculation.
- **Hepatitis A:** Students are strongly encouraged to receive two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine prior to matriculation.
- Information on allergies or other contraindications to any of the above immunizations is available from GHS Employee Health & Wellness.

Each continuing medical student is required to show proof each year of an annual TB PPD. A student with a prior history of positive TB skin tests is not required to undergo subsequent skin-testing, but must complete the annual TB Symptom Survey. The presence of symptoms/signs of tuberculosis will necessitate further evaluation. Students with newly positive TB skin test results will be evaluated as clinically appropriate and may have to temporarily avoid patient contact pending evaluation.

Annually, students are required to obtain a free flu vaccination from GHS Employee Health & Wellness.

GHS Employee Health & Wellness will monitor and implement recommendations from national organizations to guide revisions to this policy as appropriate. The GHS Health Sciences Center (HSC) Student Affairs Administration will monitor immunization requirements and students' compliance with these requirements. Student immunization records will be maintained securely.

## Sanctions

The Office of Student Affairs will be notified by GHS HSC Student Affairs Administration of any student who fails to submit all required health forms. Students will not be allowed to begin or continue their education until all requirements are fulfilled or documentation is received of a medical contraindication to one or more requirements.

## Additional Contacts

Office of Student Affairs  
GHS Employee Health & Wellness  
GHS HSC Student Affairs Administration

## Related Information

USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook  
GHS Policy: S-110-10 Student Learner and Clearance Requirement Policy

## History

- Date of Change: 06/04/2018
- Change: Move to standardized template
- Reason for Change: LCME CQI