



**Policy Title**  
Required Immunizations

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**LCME Standards**

- 10.6 – Content of Informational Materials
- 12.7 – Immunization Guidelines

**Scope**

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

**Policy Statement**

The UofSC School of Medicine Greenville requires that all students, upon matriculation and annually thereafter, have certain immunizations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and our partner health system.

**Reason for Policy**

To provide UofSC School of Medicine Greenville students clarity on required immunizations

**Procedures**

**Incoming Students**

As part of the onboarding process and prior to matriculation, students will be required to upload (to myClinicalExchange) immunization records that have been verified by a licensed health provider.

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 serology documenting immunity to each.
- **Polio:** Positive titer or at least three doses of IPV and/or OPV.
- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap):** One dose of adult Tdap vaccine; if last Tdap is more than 10 years old, date of last Td and Tdap must be provided.
- **Tuberculosis (TB):** Students must provide documentation for **one** of the following:
  - **Two-Step PPD** test completed **within 90 days** of start of M1 Orientation

OR

- **Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)** test drawn **within 90 days** of start of M1 Orientation.
- **Chest X-ray: Only** required when a student has a history of a positive PPD or IGRA. Chest x-ray must be performed within **90 days** prior to orientation. A TB Screening Form must also be completed.
- Note: A student with a history of BCG vaccination must still provide evidence of TB screening.
- **Varicella:** Two doses of Varicella vaccine or positive serology.
- **Hepatitis-B:** One of the following:
  - 3-series vaccine and a Quantitative Hep B Surface Antibody (titer) documenting immunity
  - 2-series vaccine (documentation must include the brand of the vaccine – Heplisav) and a Quantitative Hep B Surface Antibody (titer) documenting immunity
  - Vaccine non-responder: Evaluation by Health System Partner
- **Meningococcal:** Students are strongly encouraged to obtain the conjugated meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) prior to matriculation.
- **Hepatitis A:** Students are strongly encouraged to obtain two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine prior to matriculation.

Information on allergies or other contraindications to any of the above immunizations is available from Employee Health & Wellness department at the Health System Partner.

### **Continuing Students**

- **Influenza:** Annually, students are required to obtain an influenza vaccination.
  - The Employee Health & Wellness department at the Health System Partner provides vaccination clinics for all campus employees and medical students. Students may obtain their vaccination from Employee Health & Wellness or another provider and submit documentation to the Office for Student Affairs and Admissions.

### **Monitoring**

The hospital Employee Health & Wellness department in collaboration with the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Office for Student Affairs and Admissions will monitor and implement national recommendations to guide revisions to this policy as appropriate. Students must upload immunization documentation as instructed via Student newsletters. The Health Sciences Center (HSC) Student Affairs Administration will monitor immunization requirements and students' compliance with these requirements. The UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Office for Student Affairs and Admissions will be notified by the HSC Student Affairs Administration office of any student who fails to submit all required immunization records. Student immunization records will be maintained securely.

### **Sanctions**

Badge access and privileges will be de-activated if there is non-compliance with immunization requirements. 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 required immunizations. Students may not decline immunization based on religious reasons or individual preference.

### **Additional Contacts**

Office for Student Affairs and Admissions  
Greenville Memorial Hospital Employee Health & Wellness department  
[Health Sciences Center \(HSC\) Student Affairs Administration](#)

### **Related Information**

UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook  
Prisma Health Policy: S-110-10 Student Learner and Clearance Requirement Policy

## History

Date of Change	Change
November 2019	Updated policy to reflect partner health system and CDC requirements for TB testing
June 2019	Clarified monitoring procedures. Editorial changes made due to branding updates and titles.
June 2018	Policy formalized into standardized template, LCME CQI