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Required Immunizations

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LCME Standards
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Scope
University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Medicine Greenville students

Policy Statement
The UofSC 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 UofSC School of Medicine Greenville students clarity on required immunizations

Procedures
Incoming Students
Prior to matriculation, students will be required to provide a current medical history with immunization data to the UofSC 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 administered after the student reached the age of 18 is required regardless of the timing of the last dose of a Tetanus/Diphtheria-
containing vaccine.

- **Tuberculosis (TB):** Each student is required to be tested for TB annually throughout their time of enrollment. Students must provide documentation for one of the following:
  - **Two-Step TB/PPD** test completed **within 90 days** of student start date (i.e. M1 Orientation).
    - Required for all students who do not maintain/show proof of an annual (yearly) PPD test.
  - **Annual TB/PPD** test completed **within 90 days** of your start date.
    - An annual test will only be accepted if you are qualified to receive a renewal vaccine after receiving a prior two-step TB test one year ago. **Documentation of the 2-step and subsequent annual tests are mandatory.**
  - **Quantiferon® or T-spot** test drawn **within 90 days** of your start date.
    - A positive test indicates TB infection in the distant past. Chest X-ray and further evaluation will be necessary.
  - **Chest X-ray:** Only required when a student has a positive TB or T-spot test. The chest x-ray must be done **within 90 days** prior to the start of the school year as well as completion of a TB Screening Form.

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. Note: 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 partner hospital Employee Health & Wellness department after school has started)
  - The 3-series Hep B vaccine may be substituted by the new, 2-step, vaccine for Hep B (Heplisav). Documentation must include the brand of the vaccine in order to identify it as the 2-step version.

- **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 Employee Health & Wellness department at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

**Continuing Students**

- **Tuberculosis (TB):** 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 Screening Form. 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.

- **Influenza (flu):** Annually, students are required to obtain a flu vaccination.
  - The hospital Employee Health & Wellness department will host a vaccination clinic 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.
Student newsletters. The 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 UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Office for Student Affairs will be notified by the HSC Student Affairs Administration office of any student who fails to submit all required health forms. Badge access and privileges will be de-activated if there is non-compliance with immunizations per the partner health system. 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. Students may not decline immunization based on religious reasons.

**Additional Contacts**
Office for Student Affairs
Greenville Memorial Hospital Employee Health & Wellness department
Health Sciences Center (HSC) Student Affairs Administration

**Related Information**
UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook
GHS Policy: S-110-10 Student Learner and Clearance Requirement Policy

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