

Immunization & Health Requirements*

*AFTER you are notified of selection to the DHS Program and prior to registration for the first semester of Health Science courses, you must provide documentation of each of the following mandatory immunizations:

- ❖ **Tetanus/Diphtheria:** Tdap must be noted as administered once in lifetime - If no record then student will need to get a Tdap. If a Tdap was administered, then Td is required every ten years.
- ❖ **Polio:** Students enrolled in health-related courses are encouraged to ascertain that they are immune to poliomyelitis (Not required).
- ❖ **Measles:** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to measles).
- ❖ **Mumps:** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to mumps).
- ❖ **Rubella:** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to rubella).
- ❖ **Hepatitis B:** Students must complete the Hepatitis B series, which consists of three injections. The series of injections are administered over a 6-month period of time – please plan accordingly. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to Hepatitis B).
- ❖ **Tuberculosis:** Documentation of negative screening results for tuberculosis (TB) is required. Students must complete one of the following TB tests no more than 30 days prior to the 1st day of the 1st clinical rotation period at any facility: 2- Step Tuberculin Skin Test; QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT- GIT or Q-Gold) or T-SPOT®TB test (T- Spot). Thereafter a 2- Step Tuberculin Skin Test, QuantiFERON®- TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT-GIT or Q- Gold), or T-SPOT®TB test is required annually. If history of positive PPD, then a negative chest x-ray must be current and updated each year.
- ❖ **Varicella:** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to varicella).
- ❖ **Influenza:** Must show current flu season vaccination no later than October 1st; those admitted in Spring semesters must receive the current season flu shot no later than two weeks prior to the program start date and will be required to receive another vaccination for the upcoming flu season no later than October 1st.
- ❖ **COVID Vaccine:** *Currently many or all clinical sites are requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination to include documentation of the 2-dose Moderna or Pfizer, or 1-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine before entry into the facility as a clinical student. Students should expect this facility requirement to continue.*
- ❖ **Bacterial Meningitis:** The Texas legislature passed a law requiring ALL entering students at institutions of higher education to have an initial bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster during the five-year period preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of the first semester or submit an affidavit for an exemption. Vaccinations older than 5 years will require a booster. (Refer to CTC Catalog).