

FAQS: Health History Form & Immunization Requirement

Q: What immunizations are required?

Answer: Students must meet the New York State and University of Rochester immunization requirements. Links for the specific immunization requirements are on the UHS web site. Return to the page you were viewing on our web site, scroll down to “Immunization Requirements and Forms,” and click on the link for your category (i.e., full-time student, medical student, other health profession student, part-time student, or visiting student).

Q: Is the Meningococcal vaccine required?

Answer: No, this vaccine is not required at this time. The vaccine is strongly recommended for freshmen and other students who will be living in a residence hall. Your Health History Form packet included an information sheet about Meningococcal meningitis.

Q: Does UHS offer the HPV vaccine?

Answer: UHS offers this vaccine, which is recommended for female students under age 26. To receive the vaccine at UHS, call 585-275-2662 to schedule an appointment. If you started the vaccine series before coming to the University, you can receive dose two or three at UHS. You will be charged for the vaccine but not for the office visit. The fee can be charged to your tuition bill.

Q: How do I know if you received my Health History Form or if anything is missing?

Answer: Due to the large number of forms received daily during the summer, we do not send a confirmation to let you know your form has been received. We will notify students whose forms are incomplete or have not been received. If you do not receive a letter from UHS within 30-45 days after the beginning of classes, you can assume your form was received and is complete.

Q: Can I turn in my form late? I cannot schedule an appointment with my doctor until after June 30.

Answer: Our goal is to receive the majority of forms from incoming freshmen by June 30 for the fall semester (December 31 for the students beginning in January). For graduate students, we would like to receive your form at least 30 days before the start of classes. We realize some students will be unable to meet this timeframe for a variety of reasons. If you cannot make the deadline, please send your form as soon as you can. You should not need to use an overnight mail service unless you think your form will not reach us by regular mail before the start of classes. Another option is to bring your form with you to school and drop it off at the Health History Form Office, which is located in Room 203 in the UHS Building on the River Campus.

Q: I misplaced my Health History Form. Can you fax a new copy to me?

Answer: If you are a full-time student, you must submit an original form. Since the form is a scannable form, we can only accept the printed form. We can send you a new form. Write to hfh@uhs.rochester.edu to request a new form. Please include your mailing address in your e-mail message. If you are a part-time student, medical student, health profession student, or visiting student, you will find the form you need to complete on the UHS web site if you return to the page you were viewing and scroll down to “Immunization Requirements and Forms” to find your category.

Q: Can I fax my form to your office?

Answer: If you will be a full-time student, you cannot fax your form to the UHS Health History Form Office. Only the original form can be accepted. If you are a part-time student or a health profession student, you can fax your form to the UHS Health History Form Office.

Q: I started filling out my form in ink. Is that ok?

Answer: Yes, that is ok. You can finish the form in pen or switch to pencil to complete the form. You do not need to request a new form.

Q: Do I need to fill out all the bubbles on the form?

Answer: Yes, you do need to fill in the bubbles that match your answer. Please darken the circle completely. Do not put an X or ✓ in the circle. Please be sure to sign and date the form where indicated.

Q: Does my doctor need to sign my Health History Form?

Answer: We must have official documentation of your immunizations; however, this does not always mean that your doctor must sign the form. If you have official immunization documentation from your school or from your healthcare provider’s office, we can accept that documentation in place of a physician’s signature on your health history form.

Q: I can’t get my immunizations completed before I come to school. What should I do?

Answer: You can receive your immunizations at the University Health Service (UHS) after you come to campus. Call 585-275-2662 to schedule an appointment. Please let the receptionist know you would like to complete your immunization requirement. There will be a charge for the office visit and the immunizations since completing your immunizations is a pre-enrollment requirement. We will charge the cost to your tuition bill, or you may pay by check or credit card.

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Q: I don't have my student ID number. What should I do?

Answer: You can leave the number blank. If your form arrives without your student ID, we will enter the number for you. You should be assigned a student ID number before you arrive on campus.

Q: I have just graduated as an undergrad and am starting a graduate program next semester. Do I still need to fill out the Health History Form as my immunizations should already be in file?

Answer: Yes, you should still fill out parts 1 through 5 of the full time form and parts 1 & 3 of the part time form. Then, please call our office (585 275 0697) to see if you need to update any of your immunizations. Some immunizations can expire and this is why you need to contact us.

Q: Is the information I submit confidential?

Answer: Yes, the information you include on your Health History Form is confidential, as are all of your visits to the University Health Service. Your primary care provider (PCP) at UHS and the other health care providers at UHS will have access to your information.

Q: My doctor is no longer in practice. Where can I get my immunization records?

Answer: You can check with your high school or elementary school to see if they have your immunization record. We can accept the signature of an authorized school official. If you attended another college or university before coming to the University of Rochester, you could check to ask to have your immunization record sent to the University Health Service.

For more information, contact the UHS Health History Form Office:

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