

University Health Service, University of Rochester
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

for Entering Health Profession Students (Nursing, PT/OT, Food & Nutrition)

All matriculated students born on or after January 1, 1957 attending a college or university in New York State must provide the following information with verification from the student's physician or an appropriate school official. New York State Law mandates that students not in compliance with the requirements 30-45 days after the start of classes are to be withdrawn from school and required to leave campus. **No religious exemptions accepted for immunizations.**

Initial Requirements upon entry:

1. Completed Health History form.
2. Documented Physical examination within 12 months, of sufficient scope to confirm that there are no health impairments that would be of potential risk to patients or personnel, or which might interfere with the performance of responsibilities, including the habituation or addiction to depressants, stimulants, narcotics, alcohol or other drugs or substances which may alter the individual's behavior.
3. Complete immunization history.
4. Documentation of health insurance coverage. All **full-time** students will be covered and charged for University-sponsored Aetna Student Health insurance unless they provide evidence of comparable coverage. All **full-time** students must complete the online Health Insurance Enrollment/Waiver Process every year. The link to this online process is on the UHS web site (www.rochester.edu/uhs). For information about the Aetna Student Health insurance plan, click on the pink box on the UHS home page. This link also links to the enrollment/waiver site.

FEDERAL, NEW YORK STATE & UNIVERSITY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Measles (rubeola): Two (2) doses of live vaccine. The vaccine **must** have been given on or after the first birthday, in 1968 or later, and without immune globulin. A second dose of measles vaccine must meet the same requirement, but should be given no sooner than 30 days after the first dose. Serologic evidence of measles immunity **or** a history of physician diagnosed measles is acceptable for establishing immunity.

Mumps vaccine: Two (2) doses of live vaccine given on or after the first birthday AND on or after 1/1/69. Serologic evidence of mumps immunity is acceptable, or a physician diagnosed history of disease.

Rubella: One (1) dose of live vaccine given on or after the first birthday AND on or after 1/1/69. Serologic evidence of immunity is acceptable.

Meningococcus: One (1) dose of vaccine within the last 10 years, or written acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning vaccination and signature declining vaccination.

Tuberculin Skin Test: Two TST (Mantoux intradermal skin test) and interpretations are **required, the first within one year of the second and the second within 3 months of the start of appointment**, unless history of past positive skin test is reported.

Chest x-ray: If the TST is positive, a negative chest x-ray report after a positive TST is required. BCG vaccination alone does not meet the requirement.

Tetanus-Diphtheria: Tetanus – Diphtheria (initial series) and booster every 10 years.

OR

Tdap The CDC recommends that health providers who have direct patient contact should receive a single dose of Tdap as soon as feasible if they have not previously received it.

Hepatitis B vaccine: The CDC strongly recommends hepatitis B vaccination for health care professionals. A post vaccine titer is necessary to assure immunity. A signed declination form must be completed if you decline vaccine.

Varicella History: If no documented disease history, serological test is required. If negative, vaccination with 2 Varicella vaccines is strongly recommended. A signed declination form **must be completed** if the applicant declines vaccine.

Annual Requirement: For students who are here for more than 12 months it is required to provide annual proof of general health status review, a tuberculin skin test, and administration of other immunizations as needed.