

Pre-Admission Immunization Policy

Policy/Procedure

Dickinson College Student Health Services & Pennsylvania Pre-Admission Immunization Requirements

MMR- MEASLES (Rubeola) , MUMPS, GERMAN MEASLES (Rubella)

Students must provide physician documentation of immunization with **two** live virus vaccine on or after 12 -15 months of age and second dose at age 4-6 years or later or positive serologic test demonstrating immunity to all three diseases. Neither a personal nor a physician certified history of Rubella is acceptable evidence of immunity. *Contraindications to rubella vaccine:* Pregnancy, history of hypersensitivity or anaphylaxis to any of the components in the vaccine, neomycin allergy, and altered immune status.

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS (DTaP / DTP, Tdor Tdap)

A tetanus and diphtheria (Td) booster is required within 10 years of admission if the student has a documented history of receiving a primary series of DTaP or DTP. If never immunized against tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis, the student should receive two doses Td (adult), four to eight weeks apart and the third dose six months to one year later.

POLIOMYELITIS

Primary immunization should be completed with oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) prior to the first birthday. (Consult your physician for vaccination procedure if needed). *Contraindications:* Pregnancy, altered immune status.

TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING TEST

A test for tuberculosis (PPD – Mantoux) is required on all students at risk as defined on page 4 of the Medical Records form. A PPD is required regardless of previous BCG inoculation. If positive, a chest x-ray is required.

HEPATITIS B

Immunization consists of a three dose series. The series must be started prior to entry. Completion of the series must be during the first six months at Dickinson. All immunizations are available in the Health Center.

MENINGITIS

Pennsylvania State law requires all college students be given information about meningitis and the vaccine, and to either receive the vaccine before coming to college, or sign a waiver. See bottom of page two of the Medical Record form for more information.

VARICELLA (Chicken pox)

Parental or physician certified history of illness, positive serologic test demonstrating immunity, or physician documentation of two doses of vaccine at least 12 weeks apart if given prior to age 13 or 4 weeks apart if given on or after the 13th birthday. *Contraindications to vaccine:* allergic reaction to neomycin, pregnant or nursing females, and altered immune status.

HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) Vaccine

Recommended (not required) for all entering females students. Please discuss with your health care provider.

Related Information

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Also Found In: Health Services Web Site (www.dickinson.edu/departments/health/Freshman-forms/Pre-Ad-Imm-Req-08-09.pdf)