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RE: **Medical Requirements for Enrollment (Due by July 31, 2009)**
University Health Services

Welcome to the University of Cincinnati! University Health Services (UHS), which provides health services to faculty, staff, and students of the University. Further details regarding health services will be provided to you during orientation.

The Immunization History must be completed by your personal physician (not a relative). **Please see the time table for document and review deadlines. Completion and documentation of all immunizations is an absolute requirement for your safety and the safety of the patients you will serve throughout medical school. Clinical training involving real patients begins in the first year. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REQUIRED CLINICAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES UNLESS WE HAVE DOCUMENTATION THAT YOU ARE APPROPRIATELY IMMUNIZED.**

Also provided is the Notice of Protected Health Information Privacy Practice (HIPAA). Please read the information and return the signed acknowledgement of receipt to University Health Services along with your immunization documentation.

If you are covered by a private health insurance plan (your own or your parent's) we recommend that you carefully review the benefits it offers before you decide to waive the UC Student Health Insurance (SHI) policy (<http://www.uc.edu/uhs>). The UC SHI provides a primary care clinic with board certified physicians directly across the street from the Medical Sciences Building where most of your classes will be held. The UC policy covers mental health care, referral to Health Alliance Partners specialists, 24/7-physician consultation, and \$1,500 coverage per episode for needle sticks and other bloodborne pathogen exposures.

In order for your registration to be complete, you MUST be seen at University Health Services, which is in the Holmes Building, 1st Floor, Room 1007 [see time table for deadline]. Call (513-584-4457) to make an appointment. Please feel free to contact UHS or the College of Medicine at if you have any questions.

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REQUIREMENTS

YOU ARE NOW A STUDENT DOCTOR AND YOU WILL BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SICK PATIENTS. THIS MEANS YOU ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR CERTAIN INFECTIONS AND YOU MAY POSE A HIGH RISK TO VULNERABLE PATIENT POPULATIONS. THE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS BELOW ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE PATIENTS YOU WILL SERVE.

1. **IMMUNIZATION HISTORY- DOCUMENTATION OF IMMUNIZATION MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN (not a relative). FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL** (Notes from parents and records from baby books are not acceptable.)
 - A) **MMR titer** - We require documentation of serologic immunity. If titer result is negative, 1 dose of vaccine and repeat titer 4 – 6 weeks later.
 - B) **Hepatitis B** - Health care workers are at high risk for Hepatitis B infection. We, therefore, require that you receive a complete Hepatitis B vaccination series and have a Hepatitis B surface antibody titer drawn 4-8 weeks after your third immunization to show serologic immunity. Immunization may, therefore, take up to eight months to complete.
 - C) **Chickenpox**– All students will be required to have a VZV titer OR provide documentation of two immunization doses. Any susceptible students will be required to receive 2 doses of VZV vaccine.
 - D) **Tetanus Booster** – Documentation of tetanus booster within the last 10 years. If you are due for a tetanus booster now, Tdap is recommended.
 - E) **BASELINE AND ANNUAL TB TESTING IS REQUIRED.** Those individuals who have not had TB testing in the past 12 months will be required to have “2-step” baseline testing 10 days apart. If PPD skin test is positive: DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED. A chest x-ray report within 12 months is required for PPD positive persons. X-rays are available at University Health Services. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CLINICAL ROTATIONS IF YOU ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT.
2. **HIPAA** – All of your medical documents will be considered confidential material and will only be released as described in the enclosed HIPAA form. Please return the signed portion of the HIPAA form and return it with your physician signed immunization form.

The above requirements apply unless medically contraindicated (must provide physician documentation). Additional testing, evaluation and documentation may be required in individual cases.

Any required vaccinations or titers may be obtained from University Health Services on a fee for service basis (see attached price list). University Health Services recommends that you obtain these immunizations from your personal physician prior to arriving on campus.

HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

HEALTH INSURANCE: The University of Cincinnati requires that you be insured for health care either under the available UC Student Health Insurance plan or a comparable policy of your own choice. **As a full-time student you will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the insurance plan. If you have equal or better insurance and would like to waive the coverage, you must waive on-line by October 9, 2009.** (www.onestop.uc.edu/) or (<https://comdo-wcnlb.uc.edu/MedOneStop/FinancialAid/FinancialAid.aspx>) Failure to waive by the deadline will result in a non-refundable charge to your tuition account. Please call the Student Health Insurance Office at (513) 556-6868 if you have any questions.

Immunization completion DEADLINES time table:

The date listed in the right column will be the last day this record can be submitted before being reported as delinquent:

<p>All available documents are expected to be mailed to University Health Services no later than <u>July 31, 2009.</u> However, if you have appointments scheduled over the summer to meet these requirements the following deadline is applicable. Titers and vaccines can be done at the time of your review with UHS, please be sure to mention this when scheduling your review.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 31, 2009: 1) All available immunization documentation 2) Signed HIPAA receipt</p>
<p>Immunization Review at UHS Holmes clinic <u>completed</u> by:</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>DPT</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>MMR titer</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>Varicella titer</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>If Varicella titer is negative:</p>	
<p>Varicella vaccine #1</p>	<p>September 10, 2009</p>
<p>Varicella vaccine #2</p>	<p>One month from date of Varicella vaccine #1</p>
<p>PPD 2 step OR proof of annual PPD testing</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p><i>If applicable:</i> +PPD documentation, chest x-ray, +PPD Survey</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>Any additional booster required as a result of a negative titer must be scheduled by:</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>Hep B Series: All documentation of previous vaccine history due no later than:</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>HBSAB: regarding any previous vaccine history of Hep B 1, 2 & 3</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>If HBSAB from previous vaccine history is negative: Hep B Booster #4</p>	<p>September 10, 2009 and re-titer 4 weeks later. (Additional vaccine schedule will be discussed if re-titer returns negative.)</p>
<p>If you are just now starting the Hep B series:</p>	
<p>Hep B Vaccine #1</p>	<p>August 31, 2009</p>
<p>Hep B Vaccine #2</p>	<p>due 1 month from date of Vaccine #1</p>
<p>Hep B Vaccine #3</p>	<p>due 5 months from date of Vaccine #2</p>
<p>HBSAB</p>	<p>due 4 weeks after Hep B Vaccine #3 (Additional vaccine schedule will be discussed if titer returns negative.)</p>



INCOMING STUDENTS WHO NEED ADDITIONAL IMMUNIZATIONS:

Immunizations and tuberculin tests are available at University Health Services (UHS) at both the Holmes Clinic on The Academic Health Center Campus and in the Richard E. Lindner Athletic Center on West Campus. Prices for immunizations are listed below. If you can obtain these immunizations prior to matriculating at the University of Cincinnati, feel free to do so. Please remember to bring immunization and tuberculin testing documentation with you when you go to your required University Health Services check-in during matriculation or you can obtain your immunizations at UHS. (Please note, prices are subject to change, please ask when scheduling an appointment for the most current price listing.)

Hepatitis B – 3 immunizations at \$75 each plus antibody testing (HBSAB) to confirm serologic immunity at a cost of \$30. Total cost \$255. (If you do not develop antibody after the 3rd immunization, additional Hepatitis B immunizations and antibody or Hepatitis B testing may be required at additional cost.)

Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) - \$61 per dose

Tetanus with Diphtheria & Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) - \$48.00

TB Test - \$12

Varicella zoster immunization (VZV) – 2 immunizations at \$ 100 each. Total cost \$200.

Varicella Titer (VZV Ig G) – \$ 25

MMR Titer (Ig G) - \$50

Meningococcal Vaccine - \$110 (*Not required*)