

Name of Policy: <u>College of Medicine and Life Sciences: Health and Immunization Requirements for Medical Students</u>			
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(A) Policy statement

The University of Toledo College of Medicine (UTCOM) M.D. program mandates a number of health and immunization requirements for all students, including visiting students from other medical schools/medical education programs. The health and immunization requirements follow guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with those of relevant state and accreditation agencies.

(B) Purpose of policy

The purpose of the Health and Immunization Requirements policy is to promote the safety of the institution's medical students, as well as the safety of the patients, faculty, and staff with whom the medical students come in contact. Student compliance with these health and immunization requirements also ensures institutional compliance with the standards of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) and the Joint Commission.

(C) Procedure

- (1) Prior to matriculation, all accepted students must meet the following health and immunization requirements:
 - (a) Physical examination within the last 12 months.
 - (b) Record of two doses of MMR received after the first birthday at least 28 days apart or proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella by titers (Students who

are not immune should receive 2 doses of MMR immunization at least 28 days apart).

- (c) A record of 3 dose series of Hepatitis B vaccine and a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (anti-HBs) titer of 10mIU/ml or higher is required. (Titer is done 1-2 months after final dose of vaccination). Those who test negative for hepatitis B surface antibody (anti HBs) should receive a single “booster” dose of hepatitis B vaccine and be retested 1-2 months later. Those who test positive following the “booster” dose are immune and require no further vaccination or testing. Those who test negative should receive 2 more doses of hepatitis B vaccine on the usual schedule and be tested again 1-2 months after the last (6th) dose. Those who do not respond to vaccination should be tested for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and total Hepatitis B core antibody (anti-HBc). If negative, the student is considered a non-responder and instructed on procedures to follow if known exposure to Hepatitis B occurs. Students found to be HBsAg positive will be counseled and medically evaluated.
 - (d) Negative 2-step tuberculin skin test (TST) for tuberculosis (TB) or negative Quantiferon (QFT) test for domestic students.
 - (e) Negative Quantiferon test and symptom screen for students from World Health Organization-designated High TB prevalence areas in accordance with UT policy 3364-81-04-030.
 - (f) Record of two doses of varicella vaccine received after the first birthday at least 28 days apart or proof of immunity to varicella by titer (Students who are not immune should receive two varicella immunizations at least 28 days apart.)
 - (g) A Tdap vaccine is required within past 10 years. If administered 10 or more years ago, a booster vaccine is required.
- (2) Respirator clearance – Medical evaluation questionnaire completed then PAPR trained prior to rotations
 - (3) All continuing students must have an annual influenza vaccination and TST/QFT in order to participate in clinical experiences involving patient care.
 - (4) All students must complete training in universal precautions related to exposure to infectious agents or environmental hazards prior to engaging in any clinical activities.
 - (5) Students participating in global health experiences or clinical rotations at outside institutions may have additional health requirements.
 - (6) Students who fail to meet their health and immunization requirements will be subject to sanctions and disciplinary action, including a registration hold and professionalism report. Sanctions will not be given in the rare cases in which a student does not manifest immunity after completing the required schedule of immunizations;

nonetheless, these students will be prohibited from participation in patient care activities until proof of immunity is obtained.

- (7) Students must adhere to additional health clearance requirements (drug screening, mask fit testing, etc.) as required by UTCOM, UTCOM- affiliated hospitals and/or away institutions.
- (8) Visiting students have the same immunization and TB screening requirements as listed in this policy.
- (9) Completed College of Medicine health requirement form, proof of immunizations and pertinent supporting documents are submitted to studenthealthrequirements@utoledo.edu which are thereby validated and stored in the occupational health management system (OHM). Annual influenza vaccination documentation is uploaded to influenza.utoledo.edu and stored in OHM. Student immunization records are monitored by Student/Employee Health Requirement Coordinator.

<p>Approved by:</p> <p><u>/s/</u> _____ Christopher J. Cooper, M.D. Dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences</p> <p><u>4/23/24</u> _____ Date</p> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed by:</i></p> <p><i>COMLS Student Affairs</i> <i>COMLS Admissions</i> <i>HIM</i></p>	<p>Policies Superseded by This Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Initial effective date: 03/16/12</p> <p>Review/Revision Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/06/18 • 01/18/2 • 03/24/21 • 02/24/2024 • 4/23/24 <p>Next review date: 4/23/27 (three years from most recent revision/review date)</p>
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