



## Class of 2023 Immunization Requirements

As a medical student, you are required to obtain certain immunizations. The following is an excerpt from your Student Handbook which you will receive at orientation:

Most of the required immunizations are equivalent to those required by other institutions of higher education and are renewed annually with CDC guidelines and State law. **Failure to complete immunizations in a timely manner will result in disciplinary measures and/or interruption of clinical training.** Exemptions for medical and/or religious reasons will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**The following is a list of immunizations that must be uploaded into Complio by July 22<sup>nd</sup> (with the exception of the influenza vaccine which is due by the 17th of October):**

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis:** Must submit documentation of a Tdap vaccine from within the last 10 years. If your Tdap vaccine is more than 10 years old, you must submit a current Td vaccine along with the documentation of the outdated Tdap vaccine. If you have ONLY had your childhood DTAP, then you will need to get the TDAP administered.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** Must submit documentation of 2 doses of the MMR vaccine **OR** positive QUANTITATIVE titers for Measles, Mumps and Rubella. If you have any negative titers, you must submit 2 doses of the corresponding shot dated after the negative titer(s).

**PPD Tuberculosis:** Must submit 1 negative TB skin test (TST) **OR** a negative IGRA blood test. The TST and the IGRA blood test must be dated within the past year. **IF** you have a positive TST or IGRA blood test, you must submit a negative chest x-ray along with a TB symptom questionnaire (enclosed). This requirement must be submitted annually with a new TST or IGRA blood test.

**Hepatitis B:** Must submit 3 doses of the Hepatitis B series **AND** a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Quantitative Titer. If you are just starting the series, the **first** immunization must be completed by July 22nd. The other two doses and the titer must be completed by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. If your titer is negative, you must repeat the entire series and the titer.

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** Must submit documentation of 2 doses of the Varicella vaccine **OR** documentation of a positive quantitative titer for Varicella. Proof of disease without a titer showing immunity will not be accepted.

**Influenza:** A yearly injection for influenza is **mandatory** as you are at an increased risk for contracting it and spreading it to your patients. **This must be completed by the 17<sup>th</sup> of October each year and entered into Complio.**

**Bacterial Meningitis (Meningococcal) Vaccine:** All new students under the age of 22 must submit evidence of a bacterial meningitis vaccine during the 5 year period prior to and no later than 10 days before the first day of the semester.

Student must submit one of the following forms of documentation (that includes the month, date, year the vaccine was administered): (1) A document bearing the signature or stamp of the physician or his/her designee or public health personnel (2) An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority; (3) An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state.

\*\*You are not required to submit verification of the Bacterial Meningitis vaccine if:

- You will be age 22 or older on the first day of class (July 29, 2019);
  - You cannot take the vaccine because it would be injurious to your health and well-being (must be verified by physician);
  - You decline the vaccine due to reasons of conscience, including a religious belief.
- PLEASE NOTE: You must complete and submit an original, Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) Vaccine Exemption Affidavit Form. This is the only acceptable documentation for this exemption, and this process takes a significant amount of time. Begin well in advance of your matriculation date.

If you are **UNDER** age 22, you must send a copy of your current meningitis record to the TAMU Office of Admissions **as well as** upload a copy to Complio.

To send to TAMU Office of Admissions, mail to:

Texas A&M University  
Admissions Processing  
P.O. Box 30014  
College Station, TX 77842-3014

**Proof of Health Coverage:** Proof of valid health insurance is required to be uploaded into Complio **ANNUALLY**. Regardless of if you receive a new plan or not, proof of coverage is still required. A picture of the front and back of your insurance card will suffice.

**Please use the document titled *Complio Tracking Instructions* to create your account and upload your immunization documents. The sooner this is completed, the sooner you will be cleared to begin classes.**

**If you have questions regarding these requirements, please contact Cassie Shelton at [Shelton@tamhsc.edu](mailto:Shelton@tamhsc.edu) or 979-436-0536.**