

#### **Immunizations Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Campus Solutions Immunizations Questions:**

- 1. What is the Campus Solutions Immunizations System?

  This system provides a self-service form in myUTH for applicants and students to self report their immunization information, upload supporting documents, and print the immunization certification.
- 2. At what point in the application process do I receive access to Campus Solutions Immunizations?

An applicant will have access to enter their immunization information in myUTH at the time their admission status changes to "Accepted".

3. Where do I find the Immunization form once I have logged in to myUTH?

The link to enter your immunization data is found under the "Holds and To Do" section of the Self Service pagelet (lower left side of the screen).



- 4. Where do I find additional information about the Immunization requirements? Student Health Services provides a link to their requirements document on their website - Immunization Requirements.
- 5. I need two or more vaccinations to complete a series for one of my immunization requirements. I have the first vaccination but need to wait to take the second. Will this prevent me from submitting my immunization form?

  You will be able to submit your immunization form but if the date of the first immunization is several months old, you may be required to take the next vaccination in the series before the immunization hold is removed.
- 6. Am I required to fill out the immunization form all at once or can I save it and come back to it later?

Once you begin the immunization form, you can save it and return to it at a later time for completion and submission. If you have all of your documentation gathered prior to beginning the form, the completion of the form should only take about 10 minutes.

7. What file formats are acceptable for uploading my immunization documents into myUTH?

A signed physician's record documenting an immunization series or vaccination may be submitted as a .pdf, .jpg, .doc and .docx.

8. How do I submit immunization support documents after I have already submitted my immunization form?

The immunization form requires that you attached your supporting documents prior to submitting the form. If you happen to miss a document or need to submit a replacement document, you can do this through the "Upload Immunization Documents" link found under the "Holds and To Do" section of the Self Service pagelet (lower left side of the screen).



9. I have submitted my immunization form but I need to make a change and it won't let me back in. How do I make a change?

Contact the Student Health Services for corrections to your immunization data. Student Health Services 6410 Fannin St. Ste 130 Houston, TX 77030 (713) 500-5171

10. When I try to print my immunization certification, I receive the message – "An error has occurred that has stopped this transactions from continuing." What does this mean?

The immunization hold has not yet been removed from your account. Student Health Services will verify your immunization data once you have submitted your immunization form. After your immunization data is marked as complete, the immunization hold will be removed.

#### **TB Test Questions:**

11. How often do I need to get a TB skin test?

We require a PPD skin test within 6 months of your enrollment. You will need to have an updated PPD every year while you are enrolled. Skin tests are free for all enrolled students. You can drop by the clinic 8:30am -5:00pm any weekday except Thursdays to have your skin test placed.

12. Can I have my skin test read somewhere else?

No. If we place your skin test you **must** return to Student Health Services after 48-72 hours to have it read. You can have your skin test placed and read at an outside facility as long as you submit proper documentation to Student Health Services.

13. What do I do if I had a positive skin test or Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test in the past?

If you have a history of a positive skin test or Quantiferon/T-Spot blood test then you should not have any more skin tests placed. We will need you to provide proof of a negative CXR. If you are unsure what information is needed please don't hesitate to call our clinic so that one of our nurses can consult with you. You will need to fill out a TB surveillance form every year while you are enrolled.

14. What does proper documentation for my skin test include?

TB skin test reaction must be documented in millimeters and signed by a healthcare professional. The test must be read within 48 to 72 hours after it is placed. Please make sure your documentation also includes the facility that you received services at and your date of birth (DOB).

# **Titer Questions:**

15. What is an immunity or antibody titer?

An antibody titer is a blood test that measures the amount of antibodies in your blood. This test determines if you have immunity to a specific disease.

16. How long will it take to get my titer results?

Most titer results come back to the clinic within 3-4 days. You can call the clinic to find out if your titer results are back.

- 17. My titer came back equivocal or borderline. Do I need another vaccination? Yes. You will need to receive another vaccination to boost your immunity. The Student Health staff can administer a booster shot. We will also have to check your titers again after the booster to make sure you have immunity. Please call ahead for vaccine availability.
- 18. What should I do if my HepB, MMR, or varicella titer is negative?

  If your titers are negative, then you may need to start the vaccination series over or have a booster shot. The Student Health nurses can help you determine your next step.
- 19. How soon after I finish a vaccination series or get a booster shot can I have a titer drawn?

4-6 weeks.

## **Other Immunization Questions:**

20. Does my Td/DPT/Dtap satisfy the tetanus requirement?

No. You must show documentation that you had a Tdap within the past 10 years. Tdap stands for Tetanus Diphtheria and Pertussis. You can find more information on this vaccine at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.html">http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.html</a>.

#### 21. What does the MMR vaccine consist of?

MMR stands for measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella (German measles). If you were born after January 1st, 1957 then you most likely had 2 MMR vaccinations, 30 months apart, after your first birthday. These 2 MMR vaccines meet the UT Health requirements for measles, mumps, and rubella.

22. What if I can't find documentation for my MMR or Hepatitis B vaccines? You can have titers drawn to confirm immunity for MMR and HepB. If your titers come back positive then you have immunity against these diseases. If your titer is negative you will need a booster vaccine.

# 23. What are the requirements for Varicella?

Documentation of a two-dose varicella series (second dose one month after first dose) OR a positive varicella titer confirming immunity or evidence of prior infection is needed. We cannot accept history of chickenpox disease.

24. How can I determine if I need the Meningitis (Meningococcal) vaccine?

The State of Texas requires that all incoming students under 22 years old get vaccinated for bacterial meningitis. If you are 22 or older, you do not need to get the vaccine. If you are under 22 you must have proof that you were immunized within the past 5 years and submit proof at least 10 days prior to the first day of class.

# 25. Which Meningitis vaccines are acceptable?

Menomune, Menactra and Mencevax vaccines are acceptable.

26. I am an incoming student from another country. I don't have records of all my immunizations. What should I do?

If you are an incoming student from another country we recommend that you stop by the clinic to talk with one of our staff members to determine what services you may need. Please make sure you bring any records that you do have.

27. I am an incoming nursing student and would like to be ready for clinicals. What will I need for clinicals?

In addition to the required enrollment immunizations, nursing students typically have additional requirements by the clinical facilities where you may do some of your clinical rotations. You will most likely need documentation of a positive rubella titer, a positive varicella titer, and a negative HepC titer to start clinicals. Although these titers are not required to enroll in school, we recommend nursing students obtain them and upload documentation with their immunizations. There is not a designated area to enter the date

of your HepC titer so please label it accordingly when you upload it. Please contact the nursing school at 713-500-2195 for additional questions or requirements.

# 28. Where can I get answers to non-urgent questions regarding immunization requirements?

You can call our office at 713-500-5171 during business hours. You can also e-mail student health at <a href="mailto:ms.studenthealthclinic@uth.tmc.edu">ms.studenthealthclinic@uth.tmc.edu</a> for general information. For security reasons please do not e-mail us your immunization documentation.

## **Student Health Services Questions:**

- 29. Do I need to make an appointment for immunizations and titers? You do not need to make an appointment for immunizations and titers. You can stop by the clinic 8:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday to have these done. Please note we do not administer PPD skin tests on Thursdays.
- 30. How can I obtain my immunization record and titer results from Student Health? You are always welcome to stop by the clinic during business hours for your records. We can also fax or mail you specific records. See the records request section under the services available tab for more information and a downloadable records request form.
- 31. How long does it take to remove my immunization hold?

  Immunization holds are processed in chronological order by nursing staff daily. Because of this we recommend that you submit your immunizations as soon as possible to avoid a potential delay in registration. To ensure your hold is removed, please be sure to type in dates of all vaccinations and titers. Ensure that you have uploaded proof for ALL of the dates you have entered. If you fail to upload the required documentation we will contact you via a message in the database or a phone call. This may prolong the process of removing your hold. Please do not submit incomplete records.

#### 32. Have another general question?

E-mail us at <u>ms.studenthealthclinic@uth.tmc.edu</u> with your question and we will answer you within 1-2 business days.