

VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Recommended vaccines for a student:-

Proof of Measles Immunity Requirement:

- a. TWO doses of Measles Vaccine given on or after the first birthday, and at least 30 days apart (preferably three months). Vaccines given prior to 1968 are only valid if proven to be live vaccine without gamma globulin, or
- b. Physician diagnoses and documented history of the disease; or Serological evidence of immunity; or
- c. Proof of attendance in a U.S. primary or secondary school after 1980, PLUS proof of a second dose of live measles virus vaccine administered within one year prior to attending UB.

Proof of Mumps Immunity Requirement:

- a. One dose of Mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday, given after January 1, 1969, or
- b. Physician documented history of disease; or Serologic immunity

Proof of Rubella Immunity Requirement:

- a. One dose of Rubella vaccine on or after the first birthday, given after January 1, 1969, or
- b. Serologic evidence of immunity. (History of illness is not acceptable).

Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD):

All students with no prior history of positive PPD should have a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test within 12 months prior to starting their program. (Note: Tine Test cannot be substituted for PPD; Prior BCG or pregnancy is not an exemption; Chest X-Ray cannot be substituted for PPD; Chest X-Ray is required if PPD is positive or if student has a prior history of a positive PPD.

Tetanus/Diphtheria (DPT):

All students should have received an immunizing series and a booster within the last 10 years.

Hepatitis B Vaccine:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommend vaccination with the Hepatitis B vaccine series. This series consists of three shots in total.

Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine:

The CDC and ACHA recommend the vaccine series for those students who have not had the chicken pox. For adults, this is a two shot vaccine series.

Meningococcal (Meningitis) Vaccine:

The CDC and ACHA recommend that college students consider this vaccine, which offers some protection against bacterial meningitis. College students, particularly students who live in residence halls, are at increased risk for meningitis.

From the above list MMR and TB test is mandatory. Rests are recommended. Every international student goes through a mandatory health screening and there you can show them the proof of the vaccines taken. They will do a TB test for you so no need to get done from Home!