

Entering Medical Student Health and Immunization Requirements

For the protection of the health of our students and because of the risks of exposure to infectious diseases to which medical students are subjected in the course of clinical work, certain tests and immunizations are required of all students prior to matriculation.

Entering students are required to provide documentation of all required immunizations using the Emory University Student Health and Counseling Services (EUSHS) Immunization Form. This form must be signed by a healthcare provider and returned to EUSHS prior to matriculation.

A physical examination is also required prior to matriculation to the School of Medicine and must be recorded on the School of Medicine Physical Examination Form. This form must also be signed by a healthcare provider and returned to EUSHS prior to matriculation.

Students will not be allowed to register or participate in any clinical activities until both forms are on file with EUSHS. An updated medical history and physical examination are required for re-enrollment after more than one year of attendance lapses. For re-admission after withdrawal for medical reasons, medical clearance by designated University health officials is required.

Registration and attendance at classes are considered as agreement to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the University as published in the Bulletin and MD Handbook and other official publications of the University and as amended or revised during the student's continued enrollment.

Immunization Requirements 2020-2021

Documentation for the following immunizations and tests is required prior to matriculation for all entering students:

- **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis** – primary series of DTP or DTap, in addition to at least one adult dose of Tdap followed by a Tdap or Td every 10 years.
- **Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)** – 2 doses of a combined MMR -OR- two(2) doses of Measles, two (2) doses of Mumps, and one (1) dose of Rubella –OR- laboratory evidence of immunity to each disease.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** – positive Varicella antibody titer -OR- 2 doses of the Varicella vaccine given at least 1 month apart.
- **Hepatitis B** – 2 or 3 dose series, followed by a post-vaccine quantitative antibody titer.
- **Tuberculosis Screening** – one PPD/Mantoux skin test must be completed within 6 months and at least 2 weeks prior to matriculation. Upon matriculation, incoming students will be required to obtain a SECOND PPD, to be administered during the first semester of medical school and at the expense of the School of Medicine. Thereafter, students will receive a TB exposure questionnaire to determine if additional PPD testing is required. Students whose PPDs convert from negative to positive (reading of ≤ 10 mm induration) while enrolled full-time in the School of Medicine will be referred for

care by a physician affiliated with Emory University Student Health Services and will receive their treatment at the expense of the School of Medicine.

TB Screening notes:

- Entering students with a positive PPD (current or previous) are required to have a negative chest x-ray.
- Students who have received BCG vaccination in the past and have a positive PPD reaction, should have both a chest x-ray and a blood test (QuantiFERON Gold or T-spot) performed to complete the evaluation for latent TB.

Exceptions

Emory Student Health Services is aware that some students have a strong personal objection to vaccination with one or more of the required vaccines. In the case of a medical contraindication, EUSHS requires the student to submit a letter of explanation, signed by both the student and the student's healthcare provider, along with other immunization records to EUSHS through the Student Patient Portal. To see more details about medical contraindication or declination processes, please visit our immunization page and scroll to the last section.

[View more information regarding immunization requirements.](#)

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