



## Vaccination Policy

### QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the appropriate program director/coordinator or the CSN Infection Control Manager 702-651-5595.

### PROGRAMS AFFECTED

A student enrolled in any of the following programs, *regardless of date of birth* is a *potential candidate for this policy or portions of this policy*, depending on the particular course of study: Cardiorespiratory Sciences, Contact Lens Technician, Culinary Arts Management, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Technician, Health Information Technology, Medical Coding, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technician, Medical Office Assisting, Medical Office Practices, Medical Transcription, Mental Health Services, Nursing (RN), Nursing Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Ophthalmic Dispensing, Optical Laboratory Technician, Paramedic Medicine, Patient Registration, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Radiation Therapy Technology, Reflexology Specialist, Surgical Technologist, Veterinary Technician.

**\*\*\* PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS VARY \*\*\***

**Consult with your program director and/or advisor for specific program requirements and requirement deadlines.**

***IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THEIR SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF STUDY.***

Vaccine	Required Dosage	Alternative
<b>Hepatitis A</b> (Check with program to determine if needed)	<b>2 doses</b> minimum 6 months apart	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 2 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	<b>3 doses</b> #1 -initial dose #2 - <i>minimum</i> 28 days after #1 #3 - <i>minimum</i> 8 weeks after #2 (#3 must be separated from #1 by at least 16 weeks)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 3 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)</b>	<b>2 doses</b> ( <i>minimum</i> 28 days apart)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 2 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
<b>Chicken Pox (Varicella)</b>	<b>2 doses</b> ( <i>minimum</i> 28 days apart)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 2 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
<b>Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)</b>	<b>1 dose</b> (within last 10 years)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 1 dose of the vaccine within last 10 years
<b>Rabies</b> (Veterinary Technology students only)	<b>3 doses</b> (admin on day 0, 7 exactly, #3 on 28 <sup>th</sup> day)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 3 doses of the vaccine.

**\* Documentation requires health records that show *specific dates of the disease based on medical diagnosis or specific dates when the vaccine was administered.* Health records may be in the form of *original vaccination records (or copies of the original records)* or the required information may be provided by the *original treating physician* on an official letterhead, prescription form or the like with signature of the original treating physician.**

**School records, baby books or family testimonials are not official documentation.**

#### **EXEMPTIONS to Vaccination Policy**

1. **\*\*Medical Exemption** - Requires a signed statement from a licensed physician (MD or DO) that the student has a medical condition that does not permit him/her to be immunized. If the medical condition is temporary, the student will be expected to comply with this immunization policy when the exemption expires. Such an exemption request will be reviewed by a committee chaired by the Dean, School of Health Sciences. Documentation will be kept on file in the individual program office.
2. **\*\*Religious exemption** - Requires a full explanation of the religious belief. Such an exemption request will be reviewed by a committee chaired by the Dean, School of Health Sciences. Documentation will be kept on file in the individual program office.

**\*\* A student claiming a *medical or religious exemption may not* be able to complete clinical portions of a health sciences program required for graduation. A consultation with the program director PRIOR to enrolling in a health sciences program is required of any student claiming a medical or religious exemption.**

#### **NOTE**

**The MMR and varicella vaccines should not be given BEFORE the TB skin test as these vaccines may cause inaccurate test results. If MMR and varicella are given BEFORE the TB skin test, a minimum of 28 days must separate the vaccine from the skin test. MMR and varicella vaccines can be given at the same time, on the same day, or after the TB skin test has been evaluated without interfering with the TB skin test result.**

**The hepatitis A, hepatitis B, Tdap and rabies vaccines can be given any time and do not interfere with TB skin test results.**

**Consult with your healthcare provider to coordinate services.**