

UIS Immunization Requirements 2021-22

IMMUNIZATION Requirements for Students: FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WILL RESULT IN A NON-COMPLIANT STATUS, INCLUDING A HOLD AND NON-REFUNDABLE FEE ON THE STUDENT ACCOUNT.

Purpose: To prevent the induction and spread of vaccine-preventable diseases among students and the surrounding community.

Policy: All students taking one credit hour or more, including those on the Peoria campus, born January 1, 1957, or after, are required by Illinois law and the University of Illinois Springfield to provide proof of immunizations.

- **All students must** complete the Health Services "Required Immunization Information" acknowledgment accessible through the UIS Application Status Page checklist.
- **Domestic students must** submit the required immunizations by sending us a copy of a signed and dated school immunization record (from your high school, previous University, military record, or child health immunization record).
- **Students who were not born in the US must provide an International Certificate of Vaccination as approved by WHO: World Health Organization.** This document is required as evidence for immunizations administered outside of the United States.
- **Students not born in the US must have a Tuberculosis screening before the deadline.** Health Services will review and determine during the TB Screening if you are at risk of TB. If the risk of TB is present, the student will be required to complete the TB blood test. **A certified English Translation must accompany all medical records.**
- **Immunizations: Students** must provide proof of 2 MMR's: 30 days apart, the first one being on or after the first birthday, and 3 TDs: the second dose **must** be at least 28 days after the first dose, the third dose **must** be at least six months after the second dose. One dose **must** be a Tdap, and the last dose **must** be within the previous 10 years. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) and Tetanus-Diphtheria (TD) titers are not acceptable proof of immunity; actual proof of these immunizations is required. The meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required for all students under 22 years old; one dose on or after the 16th birthday.

Waivers: Students may request a waiver based on religious grounds by completing the IDPH Certificate of Religious Exemption, which **MUST** be completed and signed by the students' primary care provider. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization is **not** sufficient for a waiver on religious grounds.

- If a **medical waiver** is requested, documentation of medical reasons, date waiver ends (if applicable), and the physician's signature is required. Immunization requirements and additional information are available on the Health Services website.

Processes/Procedures/Guidelines: Students who were not born in the US must schedule an appointment with Health Services for a tuberculosis screening to determine if a TB blood test is necessary unless they provide prior treatment documentation. There is a charge

for the blood test if completed in Health Services. TB Skin Tests (PPD) are **NOT** acceptable.

- Any student may submit TB blood test results within the previous 30 days from within the US if preferred over being completed in Health Services.
- Any medical record documents submitted must be certified in translation English.
- Students who have a positive blood test will be asked to return to Health Services within 5 business days and ordered to complete a chest x-ray within 5 business days. Students who have a prior history of TB or receiving treatment for TB should bring copies of all previous treatment/medical records to their screening appointment.

Immunization and health records should be submitted in one of the following ways: Upload to **the Patient Portal** or UIS application status page, fax to (217) 206-7779, or mail or hand-deliver to Health Services – BSB 20, One University Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703.

Exceptions: Students born before 1957 are exempt from the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) requirement. Students taking **ONLINE-ONLY COURSES**, *excluding remote*, classes are exempt from submitting all requirements.

Deadlines: All requirements must be on file in Health Services in BSB 20 before 5:00 p.m. by August 1 for the fall, December 1 for the spring, and May 1 for the summer semesters to avoid a hold and non-refundable fee. **Tuberculosis screening must be completed by** the tenth day of class for the fall and spring semesters and the fifth day of class for the summer semester.

Contact: For questions regarding this policy, contact Health Services or call (217) 206-6676. See the Health Services webpage for a detailed version of this policy <https://www.uis.edu/healthservices/immunizations/facts/>.

COVID-19 Saliva Testing Requirements: Until deemed unnecessary, **all students** who currently learn, live, work, or train on the UIS campus—including UIC and UI System individuals—**must** participate in **weekly** COVID-19 testing. Students who are learning or working remotely and are not otherwise scheduled to be on campus do not need to participate in weekly testing. However, any student learning or working remotely who needs to **visit the campus for any reason must** report to a testing site any day they come to campus, **at least once per week**. The free saliva-based testing is for **non-symptomatic** individuals who have **not had a known exposure** to COVID-19.

Students may use an outside vendor for COVID-19 testing at their own expense and upload their testing documentation to their Patient Portal. Non-compliance will be addressed with the Dean of Students Office for students. Students who do not comply may be asked to learn remotely off-campus.

Additional Saliva Testing Information: More information on testing is available at UIS United in safety website