

IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY STUDENTS

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POLICY:

- Pharmacy students provide direct health care for patients who have a broad range of disease states, including disease states that are transmitted from person-to-person. This puts pharmacy students at risk of contracting illness from their patients.
- In addition to the personal risk to the student, the student is also at risk of transmitting disease to their patients who are vulnerable, such as pediatric, geriatric, and immunocompromised patients.
- Therefore, it is HCOP's policy that all pharmacy students must be fully immunized for their self-protection and to protect their patients.

PROCEDURES:

- All student pharmacists are required to provide proof of the following immunizations to Clinical Affairs and Outreach's Experiential Programs Office prior to their first day of class:
 - Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) series
 - Varicella (chicken pox) series
 - Hepatitis B series
 - Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
 - Students must provide documentation of an initial Tdap vaccination and subsequent CDC recommended Td or Tdap booster every 10 years
 - If a student does not have documentation of a Tdap, they must get a Tdap booster.
 - Influenza is addressed in a separate policy
- For vaccinations which are part of a series:
 - The series must be started prior to the first day of class.
 - The student cannot perform any experiential or patient care activities until fully vaccinated and documented in CORE.
 - All series must be completed prior to March 1st of the year following enrollment in HCOP.
- Documentation must meet Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for vaccination requirements.
- Complete immunization records must be provided or bloodwork with antibody titers that demonstrate immunity to the disease can be provided.
- Documentation must be uploaded into CORE[®] by the deadline determined by HCOP Experiential Programs
- Failure to complete all vaccinations and vaccination series will result in a professionalism assessment being submitted and a student being referred to the Committee on Academic

Requirements and Professionalism.

Additional information regarding immunizations can be found on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov under Health Topics A-Z.