



**IUPUC**  
DIVISION OF HEALTH  
SCIENCES

# Immunizations Policy

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**Responsible University Office:**

*Division of Health Sciences at IUPUC*

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*Division Head*

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## Scope

Division of Health Sciences at Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus students.

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## Policy Statement

Prior to registration in any practicum course and at the student's expense every full-time or part-time Division of Health Sciences student must have completed all immunization requirements. Any student who has a medical contraindication for receiving an immunization is responsible for contacting their advisor or appropriate person on their campus for further instruction.

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## Reason for Policy

To protect students and patients/clients from exposure to infectious diseases.

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## Procedures

Immunization Requirements:

1. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):
  - 2 MMR vaccinations, OR

- Documentation of a positive Rubella IgG, Rubeola IgG and Mumps IgG titer.

Tuberculosis: Students admitted to the Division of Health Sciences must have a 2 step PPD or a Quantiferon Gold test before they begin the Division of Health Sciences program. If completing the two step PPD, here are the steps:

- The first PPD must have been administered/read within 1 year of beginning the Division of Health Sciences program.
  - The second PPD must be administered/read within 30 days of the start of the fall semester.
  - Returning students must have only 1 PPD administered within 30 days of the start of the fall semester.
  - If a student has a positive PPD reading > 10 mm. of induration, a negative chest x-ray is required. At least annually, the student must complete the TB Screening form for review to determine if a follow up chest x-ray is required.
2. Hepatitis B Vaccine – Students must comply with one of the following:
    - Provide documentation of completion of the three step Hepatitis B vaccination series, OR
    - Decline the Hepatitis B vaccine. This is not recommended. However, if the student declines the vaccine a declination form must be completed.
    - Hepatitis B vaccine series in progress. Must provide documentation of vaccinations administered to date. It is also strongly recommended that the student have a Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer drawn (can be drawn any time after 4-6 weeks of receiving the Hepatitis B series) to determine if they are immune.
  3. Chickenpox (Varicella);
    - Vaccinations: 2 Varivax immunizations at least one month apart, OR
    - Positive Varicella IgG titer.
  4. Tdap: Tdap required within the past 10 years.
  5. Flu Shot:
    - An annual flu shot is required. This must be administered between August 1 – November 1 annually.
  6. COVID-19 vaccination:
    - The division of health sciences follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations and Indiana University (IU) policies related to COVID vaccines.

Immunization Records: Documentation for all required immunizations is uploaded into the certified background medical document tracker by each student prior to attendance in any Division of Health Sciences at IUPUC course.

Students who have signed a declination for the Hepatitis B Vaccination: Any student who has signed a declination to accept the HBV vaccination series can receive the series and any recommended booster dose(s) at any time at the student's expense.

Booster dose(s) for Hepatitis B Vaccine: If a routine booster dose(s) of HBV vaccine is recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service at a future date, each student who received the HBV vaccination series will receive the booster dose(s) at the student's expense or sign a declination.

\*Evidence of receipt of all immunization requirements should be in the form of a signed statement from the healthcare provider or copy of titer results from an approved provider. In case of noncompliance with this policy, students will be prohibited from attending clinical and didactic courses.

Required immunizations are an essential ability. Please see policy S\_4.

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## History

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