

Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Screening and Immunization Requirements

Note: Any individual receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should defer tuberculosis blood and skin tests until four weeks after completion of the COVID-19 vaccine series, if not performed before or during the same visit that the COVID-19 vaccine was administered. In addition, no other vaccines should be administered for 14 days before or after either dose of the COVID-19 vaccine series. For further information, please review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Clinical Considerations website at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>.

REQUIRED SCREENING

☐ Tuberculosis (TB)

ONE of the following screening tests is required

Two-Step Test: If screening using the Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) is selected, the CDC's two-step testing protocol should be used.

QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus (QFT-Plus) Test

T-SPOT.TB Test (T-Spot)

Annual TB screening is required. Initial TB screening should be valid for the majority of the first year of matriculation and must be updated regularly to remain in compliance. The TST must be performed and read by a licensed healthcare provider. Only the TST requires two-step testing; neither of the TB blood tests requires two-step testing. Additionally, TB blood tests are not affected by the BCG vaccine. Prior BCG vaccination does not preclude the need for testing. If you have a history of a positive TB test, you must submit a chest x-ray report. Chest x-rays are valid for 3 years and must be valid for the duration of the program. Information about how to perform and interpret the above tests can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/testing/healthcareworkers.htm>.

REQUIRED PROOF OF IMMUNITY

☐ Hepatitis B

Proof of adequate serologic immunity to Hepatitis B is required. This must be provided through the submission of a positive hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) quantitative titer.

The following must be completed for any individual who cannot demonstrate immunity to Hepatitis B (i.e., non-immune or equivocal titer):

- Receive a 3-dose series of Recombivax HB or Engerix-B (dose #1 now, #2 in 1 month, #3 ~5 months after #2) or a 2-dose series of Heplisav-B with the doses separated by at least 4 weeks
- Obtain a quantitative hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) titer 1-2 months after the final dose

REQUIRED PROOF OF IMMUNITY (CONT.)

☐ Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella

Proof of adequate serologic immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella is required. This must be provided through the submission of a positive quantitative IgG titer for measles, mumps, and rubella.

The following must be completed for any individual who was born in 1957 or later who has not received the MMR vaccine or who cannot demonstrate immunity to **measles or mumps** (i.e., non-immune or equivocal titer):

- Receive 2 doses of the MMR vaccine at least 28 days apart
- Obtain a quantitative IgG titer 1-2 months after completion of the MMR series

The following must be completed for any individual who was born in 1957 or later who has not received the MMR vaccine or who cannot demonstrate immunity to **rubella** (i.e., non-immune or equivocal titer):

- Receive 1 dose of the MMR vaccine
- Obtain a quantitative IgG titer 1-2 months after vaccination

Submission of vaccination dates only is NOT acceptable documentation of immunity. Although the CDC considers birth before 1957 as acceptable evidence of immunity, we still require that students provide proof of immunity by a positive MMR titer. If they are proven to not be immune to disease, they will need to receive 2 (two) doses of MMR separated by 28 days and a repeat serologic titer as outlined above.

☐ Varicella

Proof of adequate serologic immunity to varicella is required. This must be provided through the submission of a positive quantitative IgG titer for varicella.

The following must be completed for any individual who has not had chickenpox (varicella), has not received the varicella vaccine, or who cannot demonstrate immunity to varicella (i.e., non-immune or equivocal titer):

- Receive 2 doses of the varicella vaccine at least 28 days apart
- Obtain a quantitative IgG titer 1-2 months after completion of the varicella series

Documentation of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, or hepatitis B will not fulfill this requirement. Titers are valid for 5 years from the date that they are drawn and must be valid for the entire duration of the program. Any titer that will expire during either the didactic or clinical years should be redrawn prior to the start of the program. Failure to provide up-to-date titers may prevent participation in didactic and clinical activities.

REQUIRED VACCINES

☐ **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis**

A Tdap booster must have been received within the last 10 years. A copy of the vaccination record with the administration date is required. The vaccine must be Tdap (Td will not be accepted to fulfill this requirement).

☐ **Influenza**

Must receive one dose annually for the current flu season (typically available in September/October). A copy of the vaccination record with the administration date is required.

Certain clinical sites may have requirements that are site-specific, including additional vaccinations, drug screens, background checks, etc. Please note that failing to obtain or provide documentation for any additional required vaccines may delay graduation.

OPTIONAL VACCINES

☐ **COVID-19**

SCU highly encourages, but does not require, students to receive the SARS-CoV-2 vaccination. Current CDC guidance pertaining to whether an individual meets up to date vaccination criteria can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>. DPT students should note that there is no guarantee of acceptance by a clinical partner who may require full SARS-CoV-2 vaccination for students in their respective facility. Most local clinical facilities do not accept exemptions from students at this time and this may delay placement of clinical experiences for students who are not fully vaccinated. If a clinical site requires SARS-CoV-2 vaccination and a student opts not to receive it, their graduation could be delayed. Regardless of SARS-CoV-2 vaccination status, all students are expected to maintain currency in knowledge of SCU policy and CDC guidelines pertaining to the vaccination. Students are required to follow SCU's Site-Specific Protection Plan.