

## **Immunization and Screening Requirement Policy**

NEOMED, through the Student Health and Immunization Committee, establishes immunization requirements for all students. These **pre-matriculation** requirements are based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and our consortium hospitals. **Failure to upload appropriate documentation may result in removal from the curriculum.** Each student is responsible for payment of all required immunizations and titers unless provided at no cost by NEOMED.

To meet compliance it is the responsibility of each student to upload all documentation of immunizations into ImmunU in Banner. Immunization documents uploaded into ImmunU will be reviewed and either approved as meeting compliance or requiring further action. The required immunizations are listed below:

### **Hepatitis B Vaccine** – Required documentation includes:

- Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- Hepatitis B Surface Antibody positive (reactive) titer
- Include possible previous negative (non-reactive) titers
- Include additional doses (>3) if received.

If post-vaccination testing is less than 10 mIU/mL, the 3-dose vaccine series should be repeated and anti-HBs testing should be completed 1-2 months after the last dose of the second series.

### **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** – Evidence of immunity includes any of the following:

- Written documentation of vaccination with two doses of varicella vaccine.
- Laboratory evidence (titer) of immunity.
- Diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease by a healthcare provider (HCP).

### **MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)** – Evidence of immunity includes either of the following:

- Written documentation of two doses of MMR vaccine.
- Laboratory evidence (titer) of immunity to all three components (measles, mumps and rubella).

Students who have no documentation of two doses and have no lab evidence of immunity should get two doses of MMR vaccine at least 28 days apart.

**TST (Tuberculin Skin Test)** -TB testing is required annually for all students and provided by NEOMED to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> year students.

**FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:** Required documentation includes each step of a two-step TB test including a TST within the previous 12 months (if available) or an IGRA (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay) blood test.

- TB testing must be completed after June 1<sup>st</sup> and prior to the start of classes.
- The second step should be administered 1-3 weeks after the first TST read. (A second TST is not needed if the student has a documented TST result from anytime during the previous 12 months.)
- If a new student's TST or IGRA was positive prior to matriculation, documentation of a physician's evaluation is required.
- CURRENT STUDENTS: students who have a new positive TST reading or IGRA will be evaluated.
- Students with a history of a positive TST and negative IGRA will have no further TSTs or CXRs for annual screening after an evaluation. The student will complete an annual Signs and Symptoms screening instead.

Students who choose to have an IGRA instead of TST are responsible for cost of test. Students are responsible for payment of services associated with follow up care.

**Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Acellular Pertussis)-Required documentation includes:

- Dose given within five years of first term of matriculation.
- Three childhood doses of Dtap or Tdap.

**Influenza vaccine** - Influenza vaccine is required annually for all students and is provided by NEOMED to all students during fall semester.

**Meningococcal vaccine** – Strongly recommended for students in campus housing.

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