

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Immunization Requirements: 2021

NEOMED, through the Student Health and Immunization Committee, establishes immunization requirements for all students. NEOMED students **MUST MEET COMPLIANCE** for all immunizations below in order to participate in any clinical activities. 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 will result in removal from clinical activities, receipt of a Professionalism Concern Note, and referral to CAPP for repeated non-compliance.**

Each student is responsible for payment of all required immunizations and titers unless provided by NEOMED. To meet compliance, it is the responsibility of each student to upload all documentation of immunizations into myCB. Immunization documents, once uploaded, will be reviewed and either approved as meeting compliance or requiring further action. The required immunizations are listed below:

Hepatitis B Series Vaccine (3-doses) and Titer (1)

Minimum of 4 required records; attach documentation for each:

1. Hep B vaccine #1
2. Hep B vaccine #2
3. Hep B vaccine #3
4. Hep B Titer (Surface Antibody Titer-QUANTITATIVE) – must be positive (reactive/detected)
 - If the HBsAb Titer is negative (less than 10 mIU/mL), this means that you do not have immunity for Hep B and you must REPEAT the 3 dose series and titer 1 month after the last dose of the Hep B series until the result is positive or you are considered a non-converter. Non-converters should request and submit to immunization@neomed.edu a letter from the student's PCP regarding non-converter status and eligibility to participate in clinical activities.

IGRA (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay) for first year students and TST (Tuberculin Skin Test) or TB for continuing students

Annual requirement for all students, provided by NEOMED to 2nd through 4th year NEOMED students. Attach documentation for each.

1. **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS: IGRA (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay)** blood test is required in order to begin the program and documentation must be submitted by the immunization deadline.
 - If a new student's IGRA was positive prior to matriculation, documentation of a physician's evaluation is required. Please upload the evaluation into the immunization system.
2. **CURRENT STUDENTS: Tuberculin Skin Test or TB** for continuing students; provided by NEOMED but must be uploaded by student. 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 the cost of the test. Students are also responsible for payment of services associated with follow up care.

Chicken Pox 2 Doses or a Varicella Titer

To show evidence of immunity: attach documentation for each.

1. Chickenpox dose #1
2. Chickenpox dose #2
3. OR in place of the 2 doses, you may submit documentation of a **Varicella Titer** showing immunity.

MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) 2 Doses or an MMR Titer

To show evidence of immunity: attach documentation for each.

1. MMR dose #1
2. MMR dose #2
3. OR in place of the MMR 2 doses, you may submit documentation of an MMR Titer showing immunity (positive/immune) to all three components (measles, mumps and rubella)
 - When receiving the MMR vaccine, please schedule them at least 28 days apart.
 - If the Titer is negative for any of the 3 components (measles, mumps or rubella), then 2 additional doses of MMR are required if you have not already had 2 MMR doses. If you have received one dose, then a second dose is required.

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Acellular Pertussis) *Attach documentation for each.*

1. Tdap (1 adult dose) must be within five (5) years of first term of matriculation
2. OR a Tdap received more than five (5) years ago AND TD received within last five (5) years

Influenza Vaccine – Required Annually for All Students and provided by NEOMED

Students are responsible for uploading vaccine documentation every year regardless of where the vaccine is provided. All clinical sites require the influenza vaccine. You may receive your influenza vaccination on your own however NEOMED will not reimburse your cost. The deadline for influenza vaccination compliance is **October 1**.

OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT:

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

Covid-19 vaccination – *The COVID vaccine may be required of students, depending on the expectations of clinical sites, Health Department and CDC requirements and the availability of the vaccine.*