New Student Pre-Entrance Immunization Requirements and Instructions:

These requirements and instructions apply to ALL new students:

Submit your completed pre-entrance immunization form to the JBT Health and Wellness Center prior to arrival on campus via mail, email, fax, or drop-in to the address listed below. Please be sure to keep a copy for your own records. Forms need all blanks filled in and documents attached where required in red. If you submit incomplete immunization forms, you will have two weeks after the beginning of the term to complete them, or you will automatically incur a $95 fee that will be placed on your student account. Here at the JBT Health and Wellness Center, we can provide needed TB tests, vaccines and titers at low cost. Students who do not turn in a pre-entrance immunization form will not be issued an OHSU ID badge. Students who will have patient contact, primate contact or exposure to human blood, tissue or cell lines are required to complete the Hepatitis B vaccine series and have a positive titer. For all other students the Hepatitis B vaccine series is required but the titer is optional. For questions see the FAQ list below.

JBT Health & Wellness Center, L587
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd
Portland, OR 97239
Phone: 503-494-8665
Fax: 503-494-2958
askjbtRN@ohsu.edu
www.ohsu.edu/jbt-health

Frequently asked questions

Q: What happens if I do not submit my information by the first day of class?

A: In order to obtain your OHSU ID badge, submission of your pre-entrance immunization form to the JBT Health & Wellness Center is required before your first day of class. If you have not submitted your pre-entrance immunization form you will be unable to be issued an ID badge from OHSU Parking and Transportation. Please allow 24 business hours for the JBT Health and Wellness Center to update your records once the form has been submitted.

Q: I haven’t completed everything yet. What should I do?

A: Turn in what you have. You are able to use the services of JBT Health & Wellness Center to complete necessary requirements starting the 1st of the month that you are starting school. We will courtesy bill your insurance for any vaccines we administer in clinic but anything not covered by your insurer will be billed to you as your personal responsibility (see price list for potential costs). We are happy to order and collect any titers that might be needed for compliance but because these are processed outside of JBT they are subject to lab billing. Please ensure your understanding of these potential outside costs (deductibles and co-insurance may apply). We highly recommend the completion of these pre-entrance immunizations before you arrive on campus.

Q: What happens if I am not compliant with my immunizations?
A: You will have 14 days from the first day of school to complete the requirements or a $95 incomplete fee will be charged to your student account. After 30 days, a hold will be placed on your student account which will prevent you from future registration.

Q: What if I cannot find any of my records?

A: Try contacting your undergraduate school, pediatrician, or a parent to see if there are any records available. Most of the required immunizations can be tested for with titers. As a Healthcare worker, you will need this information for the rest of your career.

Q: Where do I turn in my Immune Status Form?

A: Mail, fax, email or drop off your forms at:

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Q: I have no idea when I received my polio vaccine and my doctor says I don’t need it.

A: While it is true that polio has been eradicated from the US, there are still areas in the world where polio is present. As a Healthcare worker in today’s mobile society, you need to be sure you are protected. If you were vaccinated as a child, chances are you were vaccinated for Polio. If you are unsure, we can give you an adult booster.

Q: What is a titer and why do I need it?

A: A titer is a blood test that can indicate immunity to a particular disease. For example, if you believe you have been immunized against Varicella but do not have the required documentation, a titer can show that you have immunity from getting it again.

Q: I had a negative titer. Now what?

A: A negative titer means you are not immune so you will be required to receive another vaccine and usually another titer 6 weeks later.

Q: The form requires TWO TB skin tests; why is that?

A: We require two-step TST testing. Two-step testing is useful for initial skin testing in adults who are going to be retested periodically. This two-step process reduces the likelihood that a boosted reaction to a subsequent TST will be misinterpreted as a recent infection. If you wish to decline this testing you need to discuss this choice with a JBT provider per state regulation.

Q: This seems like a lot of work; Why do I need it?

A: Our goal is to keep the students and patients safe from potential exposures to communicable diseases. We follow the recommendations of the CDC and the requirements of any of the facilities where you might train or work.

Q: I still have questions and/or concerns. Who should I contact?

A. Please reach out to the JBT Health & Wellness Center at askjbtRN@ohsu.edu for any questions and/or concerns you might have.