

# New Student Pre-Entrance Immunization Requirements and Instructions:

These requirements and instructions apply to all new students:

- As soon as possible, gather all necessary vaccination, TB screening, and titer documentation.
- 2. Download the OHSU Immune Status Form from the Student Health & Wellness website.
- 3. Fill in all required blank lines on the Immune Status Form.
- 4. Return the form to Student Health & Wellness.
- 5. Make sure to send copies of documentation for all vaccinations, TB screening results, and required titer results with the Immune Status Form.

The Immune Status Form is due in alignment with your school's new student orientation deadlines. Once you have submitted your form and Student Health has processed it, you will be able to obtain your OHSU badge as long as all other orientation requirements have been met. Student Health cannot guarantee that immunization forms sent in after your school's new student orientation deadline will be processed in time to issue an OHSU badge by matriculation.

OHSU requires immunizations for its students in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and from the State of Oregon. Students must comply with OHSU pre-entrance immunization requirements per Policy 03-30-150 and Policy 02-90-010, and remain in compliance for the duration of their enrollment at OHSU.

All required pre-entrance immunizations and titers must be completed before new student orientation. The Student Health & Wellness Center will only be able to offer assistance with the Hepatitis B requirement for those who have already initiated the series and will only have a certain number of these appointments available. Students must establish with a Student Health provider in order to obtain these services. Your insurance will be billed for these services and students will be responsible for covering any fees not covered by their insurance. A fee of \$95 will be placed on accounts for those that have not completed the requirements 14 days after matriculation. A hold will be placed on accounts for those that have not completed the requirements 30 days after matriculation.

## Frequently Asked Questions

## Where do I turn in my Immune Status Form?

Please be sure to keep a copy of the Immune Status Form for your own records. Mail, fax, email or drop off your form to:

Student Health & Wellness Center, L587 3225 S.W. Pavilion Loop Portland, OR 97239

Fax: 503-494-2958

Email: SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu

**Email is the preferred, and fastest, method of communication**. When submitting documents via email, please submit them as a Word Document, PDF, or JPEG. For security reasons, we are unable to access Zip files or HEIC documents. Additionally, please submit all documents as attachments to the email. Please do NOT copy and paste images into the body of the email or embed files. You will be asked to resubmit documents if they are not sent in the accepted format.

#### What if I cannot find any of my records?

Try contacting your undergraduate school, pediatrician, or parent to see if there are any records available. If you cannot obtain documentation, titers can be obtained to check for immunity for most of the required vaccinations. As a Healthcare worker, you will need this information for the rest of your career.

# Where can I get vaccinations, titers, and tuberculosis screening done?

These services are available from a variety of community resources including your primary care provider, OHSU primary care providers, clinical pharmacists at your local pharmacy and Multnomah County Immunization Clinics. Please see a list of additional resource options on our website under Forms, Policies, and Resources: <u>Vaccine Resource List-Non Student Health Clinics</u>.

## How do I meet the requirements for OHSU's COVID-19 Policy?

You must report your vaccine status to the Student Health and Wellness Center. This is either proof of your Covid vaccine series OR an official declination submitted through Enterprise Health.

## How do I complete a declination for the COVID-19 vaccination?

If any OHSU member declines to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, they must submit a declination form via Enterprise Health. This cannot be done until you receive your OHSU network login credentials. A step-by-step guide for declination is available here through O2: <u>Declination Guide</u>. Currently, if a member chooses to decline the vaccination, they will need to wear a surgical or procedure mask whenever working with patients.

### What is a titer and why do I need it?

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 and are not susceptible to Varicella disease.

# Is history of disease for chicken pox acceptable documentation proof?

History of disease **will not** make you compliant with the Varicella requirement. We need to see proven immunity to the disease. Students need either a positive Varicella titer, or documentation of a completed vaccine series. If you had chicken pox before receiving any vaccines, or you only have one vaccine, you need to complete a titer. Your titer will prove immunity. Students should only get a titer done if they had chicken pox, or had two vaccines, but do not have documentation proof.

## Do I need to have a Hepatitis B antibody titer drawn?

Not all students need a Hepatitis B antibody titer. All OHSU students are required to have completed the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Only students who will have patient contact, primate contact, or exposure to human blood, tissue or cell lines are required to have a positive titer in addition to completing the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Students enrolled in the following OHSU programs do NOT need a titer; Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Science and Engineering, Health Science Technology and Entrepreneurship, and Masters in Public Health.

#### I have a negative Hepatitis B titer. Now what?

You have several options if your titer is negative:

- Receive one booster dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine called Engerix-B and repeat the titer 1
  to 2 months after the booster dose. Approximately 60-97% will have a positive Hepatitis B
  titer after one booster dose.
- Repeat the three Hepatitis B vaccine series of Engerix-B with the second and third doses administered at 1 and 6 months, respectively, after the first dose and repeat the titer 1 to 2 months after the final booster dose.
- Receive the two series vaccine called Heplisav-B with the second dose one month after the first dose and repeat the titer 1 to 2 months after the booster dose.
- If your titer is positive after any of the above booster options, you are considered to have lifelong immunity.
- If your titer continues to be negative, you are considered a non-responder. We recommend you have further testing to rule out chronic Hepatitis B infection and talk with a health care provider about being a non-responder. This is not a pre-entrance requirement and can be done at Student Health and Wellness Center or with your Primary Care Provider.

#### I have a negative titer for a non-Hepatitis B requirement. Now what?

A negative titer means you are likely not immune to that disease and may require additional vaccinations. Please email SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu with any questions regarding your specific negative titer.

# TWO Tuberculosis skin tests (also called a two-step TST) are required within 12 months of matriculation. Why?

Two-step testing is useful for initial skin testing in adults who are going to be retested periodically. Two-step TB skin testing consists of two TST skin tests placed 1-3 weeks a part but not more than 12 months apart. This two-step process reduces the likelihood that a boosted reaction to a subsequent TST will be misinterpreted as a recent infection.

# What happens if I do not submit my information by matriculation (the first day of class)?

In order to obtain your OHSU ID badge, submission of your Immune Status Form to the Student Health & Wellness Center is required before your first day of class. If you have not submitted your Immune Status Form, OHSU Parking and Transportation will be unable to issue your ID badge. Please allow 3 business days for the Student Health and Wellness Center to update your records once the form has been submitted.

## What happens if I am not compliant with my immunizations?

As long as you are in process with a series vaccination and communicating with Student Health Compliance team via email to <a href="mailto:SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu">SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu</a> about your plan to meet the requirements, you are considered compliant. If you fall out of compliance and are not communicating with Student Health Compliance team, a \$95 fee for noncompliance will be placed on your account 14 days after matriculation. A hold will be placed on your account if you have not completed the requirements 30 days after matriculation. This hold will prevent you from registering for the next term.

# What do I do if I want to request a medical or religious vaccine exemption?

If you have a medical condition and need an immunization exemption, complete a <u>vaccine</u> <u>exemption form</u> and submit it to the Student Health and Wellness Center for review. You must include a written explanation from a health care provider.

Please keep in mind:

- If you do not meet immunization requirements, you may not be able to engage in the clinical or practicum portions of your program.
- Non-medical immunization exemptions are not allowed for many OHSU students per Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR).

#### What if I haven't completed everything?

All required pre-entrance immunizations, TB screening, and titers must be complete by matriculation. Please note, Student Health cannot offer these pre-entrance requirements except for those in process with their Hepatitis B vaccination series. You must plan ahead to ensure all requirements are completed by the Immune Status Form due date. If you anticipate having any difficulty meeting these deadlines, please communicate with our office at <a href="mailto:SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu">SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu</a> to discuss an extension and avoid fee and hold penalties.

# What if I am in the process of completing my Hepatitis B vaccination series and titer draw?

Exceptions may be made for students in the process of completing their Hepatitis B series and obtaining a Hepatitis B antibody titer. Student Health has a limited number of appointments available to assist students in completing their Hepatitis B vaccination series and titer for those students who are already in process. Students must establish with a Student Health provider in order to obtain these services. Your insurance will be billed for these services and students will be responsible for covering any fees not covered by their insurance. If students fail to complete their subsequent Hepatitis B vaccinations and titer draw on time, the above mentioned 14 day fee and 30 day hold will apply.

#### This seems like a lot of work. Why do I need it?

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

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

Please reach out to the Student Health Compliance team at SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu for any questions and/or concerns you might have.

# Oregon Health & Science University Student Health & Wellness Center Immune Status Form

#### Student Information

Full Name:	
Student ID Number:	
Date of Birth and Place of Birth:	
Email Address (for compliance	
communication):	
OHSU Program:	
Matriculation Date:	

Please note, requirements still incomplete and not in process two weeks after matriculation will incur a \$95 fee.

Requirements still incomplete and not in process 4 weeks after matriculation will have a hold placed on the account.

By sending in this form, you agree to allow Student Health and Wellness Center to share compliance-only information with your academic program during the entirety of your academic schooling at OHSU.

#### Instructions:

- Please write clearly and fill in all requirements, or we will be unable to process your form. Dates must include MM/DD/YYYY format if available.
- Attach copies of documentation for all vaccinations, TB screening results, and required titer results with this form.
- When completed, please mail, email or fax your Immune Status Form along with documentation to:
  - Student Health & Wellness Center, L587
     3225 SW Pavilion Loop
     Portland, OR 97239
  - o Fax: 503-494-2958
  - o Email: SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu
- If you have any questions, please email: <a href="mailto:SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu">SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu</a>

#### Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis

Date of completion of your childhood TDP series AND one dose of Tdap received after your 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your Tdap Vaccine is more than 10 years old, provide date of booster TD or Tdap vaccine-only one option is needed. If your Tdap Vaccine is less than 10 years old, then only the vaccines are needed.

Vaccine	Date	Documentation Attached? Please check
Childhood series		
Tdap vaccine (adacel,		
Boostrix, etc)		
Option 1: TD Booster if more		
than 10 years since last Tdap.		
Option 2: Tdap Booster (if		
more than 10 years since last		
Tdap		

#### MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

2 doses of MMR vaccine or serologic proof of immunity for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. **Only one option is needed.** 

Option 1: 2 doses of MMR vaccine

Vaccine	Date	Documentation Attached? Please check
MMR Dose #1		
MMR Dose #2		

**Option 2:** IgG, antibodies, titers as positive serologic proof of immunity for measles, mumps, and rubella.

Vaccine	Date	Serology Results: Qualitative Titer Results	Serology Results: Quantitative Titer Results	Documentation Attached? Please check
Measles		Positive Negative		Copy of lab
			IU/ml	report is required
Mumps		Positive Negative		Copy of lab
			IU/ml	report is required
Rubella		Positive Negative		Copy of lab
			IU/ml	report is required

#### Varicella (Chicken Pox)

2 doses of vaccine or positive serologic proof of immunity for varicella. Only one option is needed.

#### Option 1: 2 doses of vaccine

Vaccine	Date	Documentation Attached? Please check
Varicella Dose #1		
Varicella Dose #2		

#### Option 2: IgG, Antibodies, Titers as Positive Serologic proof of immunity for Varicella

Vaccine	Date	Serology Results: Qualitative Titer Results	Serology Results: Quantitative Titer Results	Documentation Attached? Please check
Varicella titer		Positive		Copy of lab
		Negative	IU/ml	report is required

#### Hepatitis B

3 dose Hepatitis B series, or 2 doses of Helpisav-B, **only one option is needed.** If you answer yes to the Hepatitis B Surface Antibody question below, then a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (Titer) is required. Additional information is required if your titer is negative (instructions below). If you will have no patient/animal exposure, then only one of the Hepatitis B vaccine series is required and no titer is needed.

#### **Primary Hepatitis B Series**

Vaccine	Option 1: 3 - Dose	Option 2: 2 - Dose	Documentation
	Series (Energix-B,	Series (Heplisav-B,	attached? Please
	Recombivax, Trinrix)	available after 2017)	check
	Date	Date	
Hepatitis B Dose #1			
Hepatitis B Dose #2			
Hepatitis B Dose #3			

**Hepatitis B Surface Antibody:** If you answer yes to the following question, the surface antibody (titer) test is required. It is not required if you answer no.

In your role at OHSU, will you have direct patient contact, or are you expected to handle human or
primate blood or body fluids, or sharps/instruments contaminated with human or primate blood or
body fluids? Please check one:

Ш	Yes
	No

If yes, please complete the following:

Surface Antibody	Date	Qualitative Titer	Quantitative	Documentation
(Titer)		Results	Titer Results	attached?
				Please check.

Hepatitis B	Positive	IU/ml	Copy of lab
Surface Antibody	Negative		report is
Test			required

#### Secondary Hepatitis B Series and Secondary Hepatitis B Surface Antibody

If the test titer result is negative (<10 IU/ml), CDC guidance recommends that the individual receive one or more additional doses of Hepatitis B vaccine up to completion of a second series, followed by a repeat titer test 4-8 weeks after the last vaccine dose. If a single additional vaccine dose does not elicit a positive test result, administer additional vaccine doses to complete the second series using the schedule approved for the primary series of a given product. If the second Hepatitis B Surface Antibody test is negative (<10 IU/ml) after receipt of 2 complete vaccine series, a 'non-responder' status is assigned (see FAQ for additional information).

Vaccine	Option 1: 3 - Dose	Option 2: 2 - Dose	Documentation
	Series (Energix-B,	Series (Heplisav-B,	attached? Please
	Recombivax, Trinrix)	available after 2017)	check
	Date	Date	
Hepatitis B Dose #4			
Hepatitis B Dose #5			
Hepatitis B Dose #6			

Surface Antibody Test (Titer)	Date	Qualitative Titer Results	Quantitative Titer Results	Documentation attached? Please check
Hepatitis B Surface Antibody		Positive Negative	IU/ml	Copy of lab report is
Test				required

#### **Tuberculosis Screening**

Results of last 2 TSTs (PPDs) or 1 IGRA blood test completed within 12 months prior to matriculation are required. If you have a history of a positive TST (PPD) >10mm or IGRA, please supply information regarding evaluation or treatment below. **Only one option is needed.** 

**Option 1:** Negative Skin Test

Tuberculosis Skin Test	Date Read – must be within 12 months prior to matriculation	Result	Documentation attached? Please check
TST #1		Negative	
		Positive	
		Mm if known:	
TST #2		Negative	
		Positive	
		Mm if known:	

#### **Option 2:** Negative Blood Test

QuantiFERON blood test is recommended for students with a history of BCG vaccination.

Blood Test	Date Read – must be within 12 months prior to matriculation	Result	Documentation attached? Please check
QuantiFERON TB		Negative	Copy of lab report is
Gold or T-Spot		Positive	required
		Indeterminant	

#### Option 3: Positive Skin Test, or Positive Blood Test, received treatment for Latent Tuberculosis

Diagnosis/Treatment Information	Date	Documentation attached? Please check
Date of Diagnosis		
Date of Treatment		Copy of treatment completion
Completed		is required

#### Option 4: Positive Skin Test, or Positive Blood Test, not treated for Latent Tuberculosis

Chest X-Ray Information	Date - must be within 12	Documentation attached?
	months prior to matriculation	Please check
Chest X-Ray		Copy of chest x-ray is
		required.