Immunization requirements for medical students

Related forms

- Immunization Consent Form - Class of 2020

General information

- The University of Saskatchewan requires that all students attending a Health Science College provide documented proof of immunization
- Completion of these requirements is mandatory and are not subject to accommodations for philosophical reasons
- Completion of the immunization requirements is the responsibility of the student as well as any associated costs. Most immunizations are covered by your Provincial Health card, with the exception of the Two Step Tuberculin skin test, which will cost $80 payable by cash or cheque at your first visit
- CONSENT: Immunization records and/or serology results will be shared with your College and clinical placements throughout your studies as required – this is to ensure your safety and the safety of your clients. You are required to sign a consent form to authorize sharing of this information

Immunization instructions for students entering year 1

1. Review the Specific Immunization Requirements (see below)
2. Locate your childhood and adult immunization records. If you do not have these records, contact your Public Health Unit or Family Doctor.
3. Set up an appointment with Student Health Services:

    Student Health Services
    Place Riel Student Centre, 4th Floor
    University of Saskatchewan
    1 Campus Drive
    Saskatoon, SK
    S7N 5A3

    For appointments: (306) 966-5768
You may choose to see your Family Physician to begin and/or complete your immunization review, but you are still required to have an appointment with Student Health Services to ensure all requirements have been met.

1. You will have your Two Step Tuberculin skin test (TST) at your first visit at Student Health
2. Sign the consent that is attached and bring it with you to your first appointment
3. Failure to complete your Immunizations (certain exceptions apply) before the first day of Orientation on AUGUST 9, 2017 will mean you will not be able to participate in any hospital or clinic experiences.

**Specific immunization requirements**

**Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td):**
- Primary series of 3-5 doses, then a booster every 10 years

**Pertussis:**
- Primary series and Tdap pr Tdap – Polio given at 18 years or older.

**Polio:**
- Primary series, booster if travelling in endemic areas

**Measles, mumps, rubella:**
- Documented proof of vaccination with 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella OR by Proof of immunity by serological evidence (please attach)

**Tuberculin skin test (TST):**
- Two step TST (to be done at Student Health), followed by annual one step TST
- If there is a history of a positive Tuberculin, a CXR is required

**Hepatitis B:**
- Documentation of a series of two or three doses, followed by lab evidence of immunity
- If the Hepatitis B surface antibody is non-immune (0 mIU/ml), a Hepatitis B surface antigen test must be done
- If the antigen test is negative (and antibody non-immune), revaccination and reassessment for immunity must be done.
• Students who are HBsAg positive must familiarize themselves with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan Policy: “Hepatitis B/C/HIV-Infected Physicians/Medical Students and Physician/Medical Students With Aids”

Varicella (Chickenpox)

• Serological evidence of immunity (please attach) **OR** proof of two doses of varicella vaccination

Influenza

• Influenza immunization is strongly encouraged.
• Clinical clerks are offered influenza immunization through the health regions, as part of employee campaigns. The UGME offices in Saskatoon and Regina contact students with respect to these clinics, which are organized by Occupational Health and Safety units at both the Royal University Hospital (Saskatoon) and Regina General Hospital (Regina).

In the event of influenza or other outbreak, any unvaccinated or non-immune student will be excluded from the outbreak area and will not be allowed to return until the Regional Health Authority has determined it is safe to do so.