Requirements for Health Science Students

These requirements are for students starting first semester of:

- Medical/Nursing/Dental/Pharmacy college
- Physician Assistant program
- Radiation Science program
- EMT program
- Speech Pathology program (check with your coordinator for timing)

These requirements are consistent with healthcare workers at the UIHC and other patient care settings, and will protect you AND your patients.

**MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** (2) vaccines or positive antibody titers (blood tests) of all three diseases.

**Hepatitis B:** (3) vaccine series, completed at appropriate intervals, followed by a positive antibody titer at least 4 weeks after the third vaccine. The titer is REQUIRED, even if the series was completed as a child. If the titer is negative (and this is not uncommon), follow the algorithm in this section of the website that explains the sequence of boosters and re-checking the titer. Get this process started early, in case you need boosters and additional titers.

**Varicella (chicken pox):** (2) vaccines or a positive antibody titer. If you had varicella disease as a child, you will need a titer to confirm immunity.

**Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis:** (1) tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine at least every 10 years. Must have documentation of (1) tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) booster.

**TB (Tuberculosis) screening:** A two-step TB skin test (TST) or the blood test for TB antibodies (Interferon Gamma Release Assay- IGRA) is required at the start of your program. A TST or IGRA is also required annually. Review the Two-Step TST Protocol instructions in this section of the website. Those with a history of a positive TST or IGRA must provide a copy of the Chest X-ray report. If treated for latent TB infection (LTBI), provide medication information and treatment dates. Students with a history of a positive TST or IGRA are required to complete a TB symptom assessment annually, in lieu of annual testing. The TB Assessment Form is in this section of the website.

**Health Screening Form:** Complete this form once upon entry to your program. Can be signed by an RN, MD, DO, PA, ARNP. This form is in this section of the website.

**Influenza vaccine:** Not a UI requirement, but may be required by your program or your clinical rotation sites. Health science students are strongly encouraged to get a flu vaccine annually.

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