

Utah College and Vocational Institution Immunization Recommendations

It is recommended that all students be appropriately immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, human papillomavirus, meningococcal disease, hepatitis B, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, influenza, varicella, polio, and hepatitis A, in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as a prerequisite to matriculation or registration to a Utah college, university or other post-high school educational or vocational institution.

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS*:

Measles, Mumps, Rubella, (MMR) – All students born in 1957 or later who do not have documentation of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella are recommended to receive two doses of MMR.

Note: Colleges and other post-high school educational institutions are potential high-risk areas for measles, rubella, and mumps transmission because of large concentrations of susceptible persons. Prematriculation vaccination requirements for measles immunity have been shown to significantly decrease the risk of measles outbreaks on college campuses where they are implemented and enforced. **Colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools, and other institutions for post-high school education should require documentation of two doses of MMR vaccine or other acceptable evidence of measles, rubella, and mumps immunity before entry.****

Human Papillomavirus, (HPV) - Routine vaccination of all female students through 26 years of age is recommended.

Meningococcal - College freshmen, particularly those that live in dormitories, are at modestly increased risk for meningococcal disease relative to other persons their age. Non-freshmen college students under 25 years of age may choose to be vaccinated to reduce their risk of meningococcal disease. Others students in ‘at-risk’ categories should also consider receiving a meningococcal vaccination (see “Summary of College Recommendations for Immunization”).

Hepatitis B – The hepatitis B series is recommended for all students through the age of 18 and for any adult wishing immunity. Persons 19 years of age and older in ‘at-risk’ categories are specifically recommended to receive the hepatitis B series (see “Summary of College Recommendations for Immunization”).

Tetanus, Diphtheria, with Pertussis (Tdap) or without Pertussis (Td) – Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis immunity is recommended for all students 7 years of age and older. Students through the age of 18 are at higher risk for pertussis disease and should consider receiving a Tdap when their next tetanus booster is needed. Students who have close contact with children ≤ 12 months of age are recommended to receive Tdap.

Influenza - Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all students that live in a dormitory setting, have a chronic illness or other health risk (see “Summary of College Recommendations for Immunization” for ‘at-risk’ groups), and those wishing to avoid influenza.

Varicella/Zoster – All students ≥ 13 through 59 years of age without evidence of varicella (chickenpox) immunity are recommended to be vaccinated. Students through 59 years of age should receive varicella vaccine, those 60 and older should receive zoster vaccine.

Hepatitis A - Hepatitis A is also recommended for ‘at-risk’ adult groups (see “Summary of College Recommendations for Immunization”). Routine vaccination of students through 18 years of age with hepatitis A is also encouraged.

Polio – Only students traveling internationally to a polio endemic area are routinely recommended to receive vaccination.

*Refer to “Summary of College Recommendations for Immunization” for detailed ‘at-risk’ categories, dosing and contraindications.

**Recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).