



**Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science**  
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## **Immunizations and Health Records Policy**

**POLICY: # 322.7**

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**Issuing Officer:** Dean, College of Medicine  
**Responsible Office:** Office of Student Affairs  
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**Effective University Date:**  
**Pending Revise / Review Date:** 2/23/2029

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### **I. PURPOSE:**

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has established standards regarding the requirement of medical schools to follow accepted guidelines in determining immunization requirements for its medical students and monitors students' compliance with those requirements (LCME 12.7)

### **II. POLICY STATEMENT:**

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) College of Medicine (COM) MD Program expects that all medical students maintain a compliant immunization status from pre-matriculation through graduation by having completed all tests and immunizations required by the institution and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for health care workers where students may come in direct contact in medical facilities with human or animal biological fluids or tissue.

### **III. PROCEDURES:**

#### **Entering Medical Students (Pre-Matriculation)**

A current medical history, physical exam and immunization record must be submitted for health clearance prior to new student enrollment. Students will also be required to present proof of insurance

for review and assurance of coverage annually. Registration will be delayed and/or student status will be revoked if student health requirements have not been completed. Entering medical students are required to demonstrate evidence of having completed the following tests and immunizations by June 1:

- 1) Positive MMR titer OR proof of receipt of two doses of MMR vaccine.
- 2) Positive Varicella titer OR proof of receipt of two doses of Varicella vaccine.
- 3) Positive Hepatitis B surface antibody titer (HBsAb): Students not already immune to Hep B must have at least two doses of the Hep B series before class starts (or show proof of positive Hepatitis B surface Antigen). The entire Hepatitis B requirement must be completed by the spring semester of the MS1 year for students to be able to continue.
- 4) Negative IGRA (T-Spot, QuantiFERON®-TB test) within six months. If the result is positive, proof of negative chest X-ray is required.
- 5) Tdap: one dose after age 7 & Td or Tdap booster within 10 years.
- 6) Meningococcal conjugate (Serogroups A, C, Y & W 135): Only for students age 21 or younger: one dose on or after age 16.
- 7) Seasonal influenza vaccine given after August 1 of the entering year.
- 8) COVID Vaccination: Students are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Accepted students will receive an email from Exxat, the official University immunization and vaccine portal, which will request the submission of required immunization records be uploaded into the system by the deadline. Health information for each student is maintained confidentially pursuant to Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by the University. All health information submission to Exxat will be monitored by the Office of Compliance to track compliance. Any student not in compliance with the health requirements will not be allowed to attend class, labs or clinical rotations. Students will receive an unexcused absence from those classes they miss and will be subject to referral to the Office of Student Affairs and Admission and Medical Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (MSEP). It is the responsibility of each student to make sure his or her health forms are complete and up to date. Students are notified if there are any deficiencies in required documentation, it is then up to the student to correct any deficiencies and provide proof of the corrections.

\*Please note\*:

- For those students who have not previously received certain immunizations, it may take up to 6 months to receive the full series and have titers drawn. Students should allow themselves enough time to complete this requirement.
- Students are allowed to decline certain vaccinations. If a vaccination is declined, an Immunization Declination Form "Declination" with CDU must be completed, and students must additionally comply with policies & procedures specific to each clinical site in regard to vaccine declination and ability to participate in that clinic. A Declination as approved for medical purposes may result in the student not being allowed to attend class, labs, clinical rotations or an administrative dismissal due to the student's inability to participate in degree required courses and clinical rotations.
- If a student has a nonresponse to the Hepatitis B vaccine series (i.e., you have had the vaccine, but your titers do not show immunity to Hepatitis B), the student should contact their medical provider for CDC recommendations regarding immunization status.

### **Immunizations:**

As required by the State of California, CDU, and COM Clinical Affiliation Agreements, ALL students entering the COM must document proof of immunizations, including completion of full COVID-19 vaccine series and booster(s), and in some cases, proof of titer. Please note dates of disease and dates of immunizations are NOT acceptable when proof of titer is required. Students must provide the

program with PROOF OF TITER by uploading results to Exxat. Students not in compliance by the deadline date must comply within ten (10) business days. Students are still required to make up any missed assignments, class work or testing. Non-compliant students will be subject to attendance restrictions as described herein and may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Students will be informed of any disciplinary actions by the Associate Dean of Students Affairs and Admissions.

**Active Medical Students (Post-Matriculation)**

After matriculation all medical students are expected to maintain a compliant immunization status. All returning/continuing students must have a current Annual TB screening to register and/or resume classes. All matriculated students at CDU are required to be vaccinated against influenza annually, given after August 1st of the entering year. In addition, any other necessitated requirements and associated deadlines will be communicated to students with the expectation of compliance.

**Other Necessitated Requirements**

There may be times the federal, state, local government, County Department of Public Health, and CDU will impose additional health-related requirements. Such requirements and associated deadlines will be communicated to students by the Office of Compliance in coordination with the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions.

**IV. APPLICABILITY:**

All pre- and post-matriculation medical students studying on campus for a period of one academic quarter/semester or longer.

**V. DEFINITIONS:**

No related definitions.

**VI. RELATED POLICIES:**

Student Code of Conduct

**VII. RELATED LINKS:**

- LCME Standards, Publications, & Notification [Forms](#)
- [AAMC Standardized Immunization Form](#)
  
- California Department of Public Health <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>
  - Recommendations for Immunization and Screening Requirements for California Colleges & Universities
  - Tuberculosis Control Branch

**VIII. POLICY HISTORY:**

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