



Sam Houston State University – School of Nursing Guidelines for Immunization Compliance

Immunizations are required by our clinical partners, may exceed CDC recommendations, and follow the Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B Rule 97.64 and 97.65. Proof of immunizations and current TB testing is **required** to remain in the nursing program. Plan accordingly as some vaccine series, such as Hepatitis B, may require 4 to 6 months to complete. High school printouts or copy of paid receipts **are not** acceptable.

Original immunization documentation must include at least:

- Patient information (name and date of birth)
- Immunization administered (lot#, expiration date, injection site recommended)
- Date immunization was administered (month, day and year)
- Stamp/signature of physician, physician designee or public health personnel
 - Immunization records generated from an electronic health records system **must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp**

DUE AFTER ACCEPTANCE PRIOR TO J1 SEMESTER:

- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)** – 2 doses **OR** copy of original lab report indicating positive IgG titers for Measles/Mumps/Rubella. Titer results must be quantitative with reference ranges included and ≤ 5 years old.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** – 2 doses **OR** copy of original lab report indicating positive IgG titer for Varicella. Titer results must be quantitative with reference ranges included and ≤ 5 years old.
 - History of chickenpox disease **must** be documented with proof of positive IgG titer for Varicella.
- **Hepatitis B** – 3 dose series **OR** Heplisav-B 2-dose series
 - 3 dose series – Hepatitis B vaccine series requires a minimum of 4 months to complete with intervals of 1 month between dose 1 and 2; 4 months between dose 1 and 3
 - 2-dose series – Heplisav-B only; 4 weeks between dose 1 and 2 (immunization record must clearly state that Heplisav-B was received).
- **Positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (anti-HBs)** – required 1-2 months after last Hep B dose received. Titer results must be quantitative with reference ranges included and ≤ 5 years old.
 - A titer showing non-immunity (non-reactive, negative) following the primary Hep B series will require 1 to 3 repeat doses of Hepatitis B and a repeat titer 1-2 months after the last dose of vaccine.
- **Hepatitis C** – copy of original lab report showing results of a serologic test for the HCV antibody (Ab) (≤ 1 year old).
- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)** – 1 dose received as an **adult after the age of 18.**
- **COVID-19** – most clinical sites that partner with the SON require nursing students to be fully vaccinated to access their facility. Full vaccination occurs two weeks after final vaccination dose.
- **Influenza** – required annually for current/upcoming season (every Fall).
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing** – 2 options (TST OR QuantiFERON Gold):
 - Two Mantoux tuberculin skin tests (TST) are required to get a baseline. *Tine (4-prong) testing will not be accepted. **SHSU Health Center is recommended for TB testing.***
 - If the 1st TST is negative, a 2nd TST is needed 1 to 3 weeks after the 1st TST result is read.
 - If the 1st TST is positive, a medical evaluation, chest x-ray radiology report to specifically rule out active disease and TST report in “mm” must be submitted. Frequency of repeat chest x-rays depend on policies of specific assigned clinical sites.
 - TST results must include PPD lot # and expiration date and be reported in millimeters “mm” (not just positive or negative) with the date/time given and signature of provider and the date/time read with signature of provider.
 - TST is required annually every 12 months and must remain current the entire semester.
 - QuantiFERON Gold – negative TB blood test; results must be quantitative with reference ranges

Contact SHSU School of Nursing at 936-202-5109 if you have any questions about immunization requirements.