



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

The immunization guidelines may exceed CDC recommendations. If accepted to the SHSU School of Nursing, 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:

- **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. Titer results must be quantitative with reference ranges included and ≤ 5 years old.
- **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.**
- **Meningitis** – Prospective nursing students must be in compliance with the meningitis vaccination requirement per SHSU Student Health Center. More information can be found at <https://www.shsu.edu/dept/student-health-center/meningitis.html>.
- **Influenza** – required annually for current/upcoming season (every Fall).
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing** – 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 1<sup>st</sup> TST is negative, a 2<sup>nd</sup> TST is needed 1 to 3 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> TST result is read.
  - If the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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