

**Immunization Requirements for Health Science Majors
Texas Woman's University Student Health Services**

Immunization Verification Process

Texas law requires students involved in healthcare programs at Texas Woman's University to show proof of certain immunizations. In addition, some clinical rotation sites require vaccine titers as well as the vaccines. Health Science major students are therefore required to submit written proof of their immunizations to Student Health Services for verification. Participation in clinic rotations is contingent upon compliance with this policy, and students are advised to submit their immunization records several weeks before their clinicals so that immunization records can be updated and reported to their departments and professors.

Immunization records can be submitted by either fax or mail to:

**Student Health Services
PO Box 425467
Denton, TX 76204
Fax: 940.898.3849**

A demographic cover sheet is required the first time that a student submits information to the Immunization Verification Program. The demographic page for each healthcare program can be found at www.twu.edu/student-health-services/forms.asp. Please make sure that the demographic page is signed at the bottom.

The demographic page is not required for additional submissions of records. However, please clearly label each page with the student's name and ID # or SSN.

Directions for checking your immunization records on Portal:

Your Immunization Record, with your compliance status, can be accessed any time through your Portal Account following these steps:

Sign into Portal
Click on 'My info'
Under 'Student Information' choose 'immunization info'
Adjust the page set-up to landscape in order to print all on one page

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The following outlines the immunization requirements for TWU healthcare majors:

Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis

- ❖ At this time, Tdap is recommended for only one lifetime dose per person. Td is then given every 10 years routinely, and every five years if an individual has a wound that may be contaminated with soil. *Per the CDC, Jan. 14, 2011 Tdap vaccination can be given regardless of the the interval since the last Td immunization.*

Tetanus/Diphtheria

- ❖ Required every 10 years. The CDC and TWU SHS strongly urge all individuals to receive at least one dose of Tdap (see above).

MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)

- ❖ There are separate requirements for each component of the vaccine, although separate vaccines are no longer manufactured in the United States. Proof of immunity can be accomplished by completing the following:

Measles (Rubeola)

- ◆ Persons born on or after January 1, 1957 must provide proof of two doses administered on or after their first birthday. The vaccines must be given at least 30 days apart.
- ◆ Titer test (lab report must be submitted). If required, the titer may be obtained 28 days or later, after the last dose of the series.

Mumps

- ◆ One dose of vaccine administered on or after first birthday; or immunity to mumps by presenting a physician – validated history of the disease
- ◆ Titer test (lab report must be submitted). If required, the titer may be obtained 28 days or later, after the last dose of the series.

Rubella

- ◆ One dose of rubella vaccine administered on or after the first birthday,
 - State law requires ALL students (even those born on or before January 1, 1957) to provide proof of Rubella.
 - State law also says that physician validated history of the disease will NOT be accepted as proof of Immunity for rubella.
- ◆ Titer test (lab report must be submitted). If required, the titer may be obtained 28 days or later, after the last dose of the series.

Hepatitis B

- ❖ Proof of immunity can be accomplished by completing one or both of the following:
 - ◆ Series of three injections given in the following schedule:
 - First injection
 - Second Injection – one month after the initial injection
 - Third Injection – five months after the **second** injection
 - ◆ Hepatitis B surface antibody titer (lab report must be submitted). *Nursing and Dental Hygiene require the titer as proof of immunity.* The titer may be obtained 28 days or later, after the last dose of the series.

Varicella (chickenpox)

- ❖ Proof of immunity can be shown by completing one of the following:
 - ◆ Series of two vaccinations
 - Each injection should be one month apart
 - ◆ Titer test (lab report must be submitted). If required, the titer may be obtained 28 days or later, after the last dose of the series.
 - ◆ Student's signature stating that they had the disease as a child
 - Only music therapy, kinesiology, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy students may use this option. Nursing clinic sites *will not* accept this as proof of immunity.

Tuberculosis Screening

- ❖ Yearly TB screening is required.
 - ◆ Please see [Testing for Tuberculosis](#) to determine whether a blood or skin test is required and if a statement of TB Clearance is necessary.
 - ◆ Requirements are based on the TWU Board of Regents Policy 6.01 Student Tuberculosis Screening and Case Management <http://www.twu.edu/regents/p-student-tuberculosis-screening-and-case-management.asp> and *must be followed for compliance.*
 - ◆ Chest X-Rays (CXR) are required for:
 - Individuals with a positive or indeterminate / borderline TB blood test
 - Individuals with a history of a positive TB skin test AND antibiotics for TB taken for one month or more
 - New TWU students must submit a current CVR report that is within 365 days +/- 5 days from the first day of class
 - ◆ Students with negative tests will repeat the same type of test each year.
 - ◆ Returning TWU students needing yearly TB screening who have already submitted a CXR report will need to submit a completed Statement of Tuberculosis Clearance yearly : a yearly CXR is not required if the student is otherwise well

Influenza

- ❖ Yearly Influenza vaccination is required by many departments and / or individual clinic sites.