



Policy 8.17

Mandatory Immunization Requirement

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Overview

For the protection of the health of the Emory Community and with a goal of making our campus environment as healthy as possible, Emory students should be vaccinated according to this policy prior to the beginning of each academic semester, subject to the exemptions listed below.

Applicability

This policy applies to all Emory University students, subject to the exemptions listed below.

Policy Detail

All Emory University students are required to provide documentation of all required immunizations using the Emory University Student Health Services Immunization Form by the deadlines established by each school or academic unit. Students may seek an exemption from certain vaccination requirements based on a documented medical contraindication or a strong personal objection to taking the vaccine.

Students who **fail to complete the required vaccination, exemption, or declination forms may be blocked from completing registration or onboarding or may have their course registration cancelled.**



Please note that if students have begun a multi-dose immunization series prior to registration, such as Hepatitis B, it can be completed at the Emory University Student Health Service [EUSHS] Immunization Clinic; some vaccinations given at EUSHS are on a fee-for-service basis and are not covered by tuition.

Once students arrive on campus, they may visit EUSHS to obtain a titer in certain cases to determine which immunizations they still need or to obtain their deficient vaccinations. This is a fee-based service.

All Emory students must have the following required immunizations by the established deadlines, subject to the exemptions outlined below:

1) **Measles, Mumps and Rubella:**

All students born on or after January 1, 1957 must meet this requirement, either by having been vaccinated against the three diseases (either as the combined vaccine MMR or individual vaccinations against the 3 diseases) or showing laboratory evidence of immunity to all 3 diseases:

EITHER:

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Dose 1: At 12 months of age or older (provide month, day, and year) and Dose 2: At least 28 days after Dose 1 (provide month, day and year) **OR ALL THREE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Measles (Rubeola) - two doses of vaccine or a positive antibody titer

Dose 1: At 12 months of age or older (provide month, day and year) Dose 2: At least 28 days after Dose 1 (provide month, day and year, or positive antibody titer (include copy of lab result)

Mumps - two doses of vaccine or a positive antibody titer

Dose 1: At 12 months of age or older (provide month, day and year) and Dose 2: At least 28 days after Dose 1 (provide month, day and year), or positive antibody titer (include copy of lab result)

Rubella (German Measles or Three-Day Measles) – one dose of vaccine or a positive antibody titer

Dose 1: At 12 months of age or older (provide month, day and year) or positive antibody titer (include copy of lab result)

2) **Tetanus-Diphtheria:**

All students must have the basic primary series of 3 doses of Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid (DT or TD). These are usually given with Pertussis vaccine (DPT) in infancy.

All students are required to have had one Tdap booster between the ages of 11 and 64 years old.

In addition, all students must have a Td or Tdap booster within the past 10 years (a Tetanus-Diphtheria booster shot is required every 10 years after the basic primary series has been completed).

3) **Hepatitis B:**

All students must have a two-dose or three-dose series Hepatitis B



The three-dose series includes an initial dose, followed by a dose 1-2 months later and a third dose at least 6 months after Dose 1 AND at least 2 months after Dose 2.

A two-dose series, 4 weeks apart will be accepted for HepB-CpG vaccines (i.e. Heplisav-B).

Non-health science students may submit a copy of a quantitative Hepatitis antibody titer if their vaccination dates are not available.

A post-vaccine quantitative antibody titer is required before arrival for Allied Health, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing students. A copy of the quantitative Hepatitis B titer lab report is required.

4) **Varicella (Chicken Pox):**

All students must have a positive Varicella antibody titer, or 2 doses of vaccine started after age 12 months and given at least 1 month apart.

A copy of the Varicella titer lab report is required if that option is chosen.

5) **Meningococcal ACWY**

All students living in on-campus housing must have one dose of Meningococcal conjugate or Men ACWY vaccine given on or after 16 years of age.

For students that will be living in Emory on-campus housing, State of Georgia law (Official Code of Georgia Annotated 31-12-3.2) requires that they receive information about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccines. The law also requires that these students sign a document stating that they have either received a vaccination against meningococcal disease, plan to receive it, or reviewed the information and declined to be vaccinated.

6) **COVID-19 Vaccine**

All students must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Student Health Services will maintain a list of acceptable COVID-19 vaccines on its website.

7) **Tuberculosis (TB) Screening:**

All students must complete a questionnaire about potential Tuberculosis (TB) risk and exposure. All students with a positive screening questionnaire, all Allied Health, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing students and international students from countries with endemic Tuberculosis must meet additional Tuberculosis (TB) screening requirements. Emory's guidelines are based upon the recommendations of the CDC, the American Thoracic Society and the American College Health Association.

Emory University requires TB screening (PPD skin testing, QuantiFERON TB Gold or T-spot, and chest x-ray) within 6 months prior to matriculation for:

- All students with a positive screening questionnaire
- All Allied Health, School of Medicine and School of Nursing Students
- All international students who have arrived in the United States from countries in which TB is endemic.

Allied Health and School of Medicine students screened by PPD will also need a second PPD (the "two step" PPD process) AFTER their arrival at Emory. School of Nursing students screened by PPD are required to get a second PPD PRIOR to their arrival at Emory.

Because TB is so common globally, it is easier to list countries of low TB prevalence rather than high. Therefore, all international students who have arrived in the United States are required to undergo



Tuberculosis screening EXCEPT those from the following countries found here:
<http://studenthealth.emory.edu/immunization/index.html> (click Step Two, scroll to Tuberculosis (TB) Screening).

International students from non-exempt countries will need TB clearance. The preferred testing for these international students is either a QuantiFERON TB Gold or T-spot blood test; however, a negative PPD skin test is acceptable.

Exemptions

Students may seek an exemption from certain vaccination requirements based on a documented medical contraindication or a strong personal objection to taking the vaccine. In the case of a medical contraindication, EUSHS requires the student to submit a letter of explanation, signed by both the student and the student’s healthcare provider, along with other immunization records to EUSHS through [the Student Patient Portal](#).

To see more details about the declination processes, please visit [our immunization page](#) on our website and scroll to the last section. The declination form is accessible on the [Student Patient Portal](#).

Students who will not be present on an Emory campus, and who wish to be excused from the immunization requirements on that basis, should contact Student Health Services.

Definitions

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Related Links

- <http://studenthealth.emory.edu/hs/services/Immunization%20info.html>
- http://www.shspnc.emory.edu/login_directory.aspx
- <http://studenthealth.emory.edu/services/allergy-immunization-travel.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mening/public/index.html>

Contact Information

| Subject | Contact | Phone | Email |
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| Clarification of Policy | Student Health Services | 404-727-7551 | Immunizations-shs@emory.edu |

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