

**BURRELL COLLEGE  
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
POLICY MANUAL**

SECTION: Students

BCOM Policy B9080

TOPIC: Immunization Requirements

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**POLICY**

All student enrolled in the DO program need to show evidence of having obtained required immunization and tests as part of their clinical education compliance.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S):**

Associate Dean of Student Affairs, VP of Enrollment Services

**DEFINITIONS**

**CDC:** Center for Disease Control. An agency with the Department of Health and Human Services that makes tracks disease and makes recommendations for wellness and disease prevention in the United States.

**Prior to matriculation:** the time before the first day of registration as a student in the DO program.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Records of immunization provided to the Office of Student Affairs must include the following:
  - a) **Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG):** Titers must reflect positive immunity within six (6) months of matriculation. Inadequate immunity will require a booster followed by a titer re-drawn at least four (4) weeks after the booster. [Please note that students with chronic active hepatitis B or those found to be non-responders to the hepatitis B vaccine series will not need to repeat the series.] Copies of lab results are required.
  - b) **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):**
    - i. TWO (2) doses after 1978 (each dose in the 2-dose series must be spaced at least four (4) weeks apart, with the first dose given after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday). Individuals who received the MMR vaccines in or prior to 1978 will need to meet the requirements in "b" below. **AND**
    - ii. Titers (IgG) showing immunity for *each* disease within six (6) months of matriculation: Rubeola (Measles), Rubella, Mumps. COPIES OF LAB RESULTS ARE REQUIRED. Inadequate immunity will require two doses of the MMR vaccination administered at least 28 days apart.
  - c) **Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Obtain immunization between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Provide documentation of annual immunization to the Office of Student Affairs on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Only students that have a previous anaphylactic reaction after receiving any influenza vaccine or vaccine component, or history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of previous influenza vaccination will be exempt from this requirement.
  - d) **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis):** One (1) dose of adult Tdap. If the last dose is more than 10 years old, another dose of Tdap is required.

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- e) **Varicella (Chickenpox):** Positive Varicella Titer (IgG) within six (6) months of matriculation. A COPY OF LAB RESULT IS REQUIRED. Inadequate immunity will require two doses of the Varicella vaccination administered at least 28 days apart.
  - f) **Tuberculosis Screening:**
    - i. UPON ENTRY TO THE DO PROGRAM:
      - 1. A Two-Step Tuberculosis Skin Test (aka TST or PPD—two separate placements and two separate results) is required within six (6) months of matriculation. Each test placement must be separated by one week. **OR**
      - 2. A current T-Spot or QuantiFERON Gold TB test within six (6) months of matriculation. **OR**
      - 3. History of Positive TB Test: Provide documentation of positive TB test result. A chest X-ray obtained within six (6) months of matriculation, and treatment completion (if applicable).
    - ii. ANNUALLY:
      - 1. A TB Skin test (aka TST, PPD) placed day 0 and read within the 48 to 72-hour time period. **OR**
      - 2. A T-spot or QuantiFERON Gold TB test. **OR**
      - 3. A symptoms screen (only those with a documented prior history of a positive TB test and negative chest x-ray).
  - 2) It is the responsibility of the student to have the appropriate BCOM forms completed by a healthcare professional and to provide records to the Office of Student Affairs for matriculation and enrollment compliance.

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

[www.Cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.html](http://www.Cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.html) accessed 2/25/2019.

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/contraindications-adults.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/contraindications-adults.html) accessed 2/25/2019.