

**BURRELL COLLEGE  
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
POLICY MANUAL**

SECTION: Students

BCOM Policy B9080

TOPIC: Immunization Requirements

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### **POLICY**

All enrolled students are required to show evidence of having obtained mandatory immunization(s), proof of immunity, and such other designated testing as may be determined by the college in order to participate in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree program.

### **RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S):**

Office of Student Affairs, VP of Enrollment Services

### **DEFINITIONS**

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

**NMSDH:** New Mexico State Department of Health. A state agency that tracks disease and makes recommendations for wellness and disease prevention in the state of New Mexico.

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

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. **Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG):**

Students must provide evidence of immunity. Titers must reflect positive immunity within six (6) months of enrollment. Inadequate immunity will require a booster followed by a titer re-drawn at least four (4) weeks after the booster. Students with chronic active hepatitis B or those found to be non-responders to the hepatitis B vaccine series are not required to repeat the series but must provide a letter of explanation from a duly licensed and qualified health care provider attesting to the diagnosis and provide copies of results from prior testing.

2. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):**

Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine after 1978. Doses must be spaced at least four (4) weeks apart, with the first dose given after the first birthday. Quantitative titers (IgG) showing immunity for *each* disease (measles, mumps and rubella) must be obtained within six (6) months of enrollment. Inadequate immunity will require two doses of the MMR vaccination administered at least 28 days apart and a repeat titer at a minimum of six (6) weeks after the last vaccine.

3. **Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:**

Beginning the first year of medical school and yearly thereafter students are required to obtain an influenza immunization for the current season. Immunization must occur prior to October 15th. Students who have had an anaphylactic reaction after receiving any influenza vaccine or vaccine component, or history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) within six weeks of a previous influenza vaccination will be exempt from this requirement upon providing an attestation from a qualified licensed health care provider.

4. **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis):**

One (1) dose of adult Tdap vaccine is required within the ten years prior to enrollment. If the Tdap vaccine expires before the start of the student's third year, the student will be required to update the vaccination prior to starting their third year.

5. **Varicella (Chickenpox):**

Quantitative Varicella Titer (IgG) within six (6) months of matriculation. Inadequate immunity will require two doses of the Varicella vaccination administered at least 28 days apart and repeat of the Quantitative Varicella Titer (IgG) 30 days after the second varicella dose. Submission of the laboratory report is required.

6. **Tuberculosis Screening:**

Tuberculosis screening must be completed *within the sixty days prior* to the first day of enrollment and annually thereafter. Students may obtain either a skin test (TST) or blood test (IGRA) and provide a copy of the result to the college.

- a. Students testing positive for either test must provide an attestation from a qualified licensed health care provider that they have received appropriate follow-up testing/treatment and may participate in unrestricted clinical activities. ***Failure to provide this attestation in a timely manner, as determined by the Office of Student Affairs, may result in suspension from the degree program until this requirement is satisfied.***

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. The college may, at its sole discretion, remove any student from active participation in the degree program for failure to abide by this policy.

**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.