

## UC Immunization Requirements:

**Instructions for entering your immunization information and to upload documentation. Please ensure that you complete each step.**

1. Logon to the secure Wellness, Health & Counseling Services (WH&CS) [Student Health Portal](#) with your UCINetID and password.
2. Click on **“Forms”** on the left sidebar on the portal homepage.
3. On the **“Compliance Forms”** page, select **“Immunizations - New Student Requirement”**.
4. Enter your immunization information (i.e., vaccination dates).
5. Upload your immunization records. See step #8 below.
6. Submit your responses.

If additional information or clarification is necessary, students will be sent a follow-up secure message from Student Health Center via the WH&CS Student Health Portal with further instructions. These instructions must be followed and any additional information provided to SHC as soon as possible but no later than the start of the Winter Quarter (or Spring Semester for Law students). If you have any questions, refer to the frequently asked questions below.

7. Make sure that you have also completed and submitted your responses to the **“New Student Requirement - High Risk Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire”**.
8. To upload documents from within the secure Wellness, Health & Counseling Services (WH&CS) [Student Health Portal](#):
  - a. Sign into the portal with your UCINetID and password.
  - b. On the portal home page, click on “Immunization/TB Upload” on the left menu bar.
  - c. On the “Immunization/TB Upload” page, click on the “Add Immunization Record” button and navigate to your scanned completed document (e.g., Immunization records, *TB Health Assessment Form*, etc...). **Acceptable file formats include: PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF.**
  - d. Apply a relevant name to your document for ease of retrieval by SHC staff (e.g., “Immunization Record”, “TB Form”, etc...).
  - e. Click on “Save” to complete the upload.

## Required Immunizations

<i>Required Vaccinations</i>	<i>Required Dosage and/or Proof of Immunization</i>
Vaccine: Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses with first dose on or after 1st birthday; OR positive titer (laboratory evidence of immunity to disease)
Vaccine: Varicella (Chickenpox)	Two (2) doses with first dose on or after 1st birthday; OR positive titer. History of contracting the disease does not meet compliance.
Vaccine: Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)	One (1) dose after age 7
Vaccine: Meningococcal conjugate (MenACYW)	One (1) dose on or after age 16 for all students who are ages 21 years or younger

### Frequently asked Questions: Immunizations Requirement

**Q. When must I submit my online Immunization Record/TB screening?**

A: It is the intent of the UC policy that these requirements be completed prior to entry to the University. Therefore, you should enter your vaccine immunization information and complete the ***High Risk Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire*** as soon as possible and prior to the start of the Fall Quarter (or Semester for Law students). However, UCI allows a “grace period” for compliance with both the TB screening and immunization requirements. **Students must complete all requirements by the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of October during the Fall Quarter in which they have entered UCI. For Law Students, the deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of October during the Fall Semester in which they have entered UCI. If the deadline is missed and the student is non-compliant, SHC will place “Type 2” academic holds on the student’s record that will prevent the student from enrolling in classes for the Winter Quarter (Spring Semester for Law students).**

**Q: How do I get a record of the required immunizations?**

A: You can do one of the following:

- Request copies of your immunization records and TB screening and/or testing from your physician’s office. It is very important that you provide SHC with official documentation from your primary care physician or other licensed healthcare provider.
- You may be able to access the patient portal of your physician’s electronic medical record system and print your immunization records online.

**It is essential that you compile all the required information and have any blood tests or vaccines that you require BEFORE you enter your immunization information into SHC's electronic health record via the secure Wellness, Health & Counseling Services (WH&CS) [Student Health Portal](#).**

### **MMR- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (2 doses required)**

First dose no more than 4 days before your 1st birthday. Second dose at least one month later.

**Q: I do not have access to my vaccine records. What do I do?**

A: If you believe you have had two doses of MMR vaccine, ask your Primary Care provider to order blood tests for measles, mumps and rubella immunity. However, if you do not have evidence of immunity to all three diseases (e.g., measles, mumps, and rubella) and do not have records of having had two doses of MMR, then you will still need to get vaccinated with MMR since the vaccine is not available as a single antigen product in the U.S. If you have not had the required 2 doses of MMR vaccine, contact your Primary Care Provider to obtain the missing dose(s) of MMR vaccine. Note the doses must be given at least one month apart. Since MMR is a live vaccine, it is contraindicated in certain conditions including pregnancy.

Go to [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/) for more details.

### **Varicella (Chicken pox) 2 doses required**

First dose no more than 4 days before your 1st birthday. Second dose at least one month later.

**Q: I have not been vaccinated for chicken pox and I am not sure if I had the disease. What do I do?**

If you are uncertain if you have had the chicken pox virus, blood testing can be completed to see if immunization is needed. If the blood test does not show immunity, you will need two doses of varicella vaccine given at least one month apart.

**Q: I had chicken pox as a child. Do I still need the vaccine?**

A: If you have a history of having had chicken pox, you will still need to have a blood test showing immunity. The test is called a varicella titer.

**Q: I had two doses of Varicella vaccine, one month apart, but my varicella titer does not show immunity to varicella.**

A: If you have documentation of two varicella vaccine doses, given according to the immunization guidelines, then you do not need to do anything further.

### **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertusis (Tdap)**

One dose after Age 7

Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids with acellular pertussis vaccine is given to adolescents and

adults, usually as a single dose; the exception is pregnant women who should receive Tdap during each pregnancy.

**Q: Does Td or Dtap fulfill the Tdap requirement?**

A: No, Tdap is still required.

### **Meningococcal Conjugate**

1 dose no more than 4 days before age 16 years for all students under age 22.

There are 2 types of meningococcal vaccines for serogroups A, C, W, Y available in the United States: polysaccharide and conjugate vaccines. Neither type of vaccine contains live meningococcal bacteria. Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines in which the polysaccharide is chemically bonded (“conjugated”) to a protein produce better protection. Brand names include Menactra (MenACWY-D) and Menveo (MenACWY-CRM).

**Q: Is MenB vaccine required?**

A: No Men B is not required. However, for protection against all 5 serogroups of meningococcus, it is necessary to receive both vaccines. Meningococcal polysaccharide or conjugate vaccines provide no protection against serogroup B disease and MenB vaccines provide no protection against serogroup A, C, W or Y disease.

**Q: I am 22 (or older). Is Meningococcal required?**

A: No. You can leave that field on the form blank. Based on your birth date, this requirement does not apply to you.

**Q: I got vaccinated for Meningitis when I was 11 or 12. Do I need to get it again or can I use that date?**

A: You need to get it again. To be compliant, your dose must be given no earlier than 4 days before your 16th birthday.

**Q: I received MPSV (polysaccharide) vaccine. Does this meet the requirement?**

A: No. You must get the MCV4 (conjugate) vaccine.

**Q: How does UC determine which vaccines and screening to require?**

A: The UC is following the recommendations of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch for Colleges and Universities found on the website at <http://www.shotsforschool.org/college/>. The current requirements reflect those in place on February 24, 2016. However, UC reserves the right to modify these requirements pending revisions to the recommendations by CDPH. Changes in CDPH's recommendations will be incorporated into the requirements affecting the incoming fall class each year. In general,

these requirements pertain to those vaccine-preventable illnesses that can be spread by respiratory secretions (saliva, coughing, sneezing), and pose a risk to others who might become ill due to classroom or residential contact. These include: measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (Chickenpox), and meningitis, as well as screening for tuberculosis.

**Q: Why is the UC implementing this policy?**

A: There has been an increase in outbreaks of vaccine-preventable illnesses over the past five to ten years, and now many illnesses which we thought were disappearing are returning. Although many of these diseases are considered “mild”, they can cause serious illness and death. Pertussis was responsible for hospital stays for hundreds of people in California during the past two years, including intensive care admissions and in a few cases, death. Recent outbreaks of measles also resulted in hospitalizations, and new cases of mumps across the country threaten the health and fertility of non-immune students.

**Q: I/my family have concerns regarding the safety of vaccines and have chosen not to be vaccinated. Will I be prevented from attending classes at UC if I do not obtain the required vaccines?**

A: During the initial phases of the Immunization Plan implementation, no registration holds will be placed. However, beginning Winter Quarter (or Spring Semester for Law students) of AY 2018-19 at UC Irvine, students who have not provided evidence of the required vaccinations and/or completed the TB screening by the published deadline dates will have academic holds placed on their class registration.

**Q: Is there a process to request a personal/religious belief exemption from the UC Immunization Policy?**

A: Only a medical exemption will be allowed.

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- [UCI Student Health Center](#)
- [Admission Health Requirements](#) page
- [New Student Information](#) page