Health Career Students
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I find my immunization records?
If you are a recent graduate from high school, you can call your school nurse or your primary care physician. You can check your military records or baby shot record book. Your primary care provider should have your immunization records.

2. What if I can't find my records?
You can be tested for immunity (called a titre) for MMR, Hb, and Varicella which will satisfy this requirement.

3. I'm an older student. Do I still need to provide proof of immunizations?
Yes. Most of our clinical partners require this documentation, and it is a Commonwealth of MA regulation for all health care students.

4. How do I get my records to the Student Immunization Records Office in the Administration Building?
The best way is for you to hand deliver them so that we can review them with you, or you can mail them to us, or fax or email. Please make sure that your current name, student ID, date of birth and program that you are applying for/ or enrolled in are listed on all documents.

5. I had a physical less than a year ago. Is that still good?
It may be, but it is necessary for you to have that information transferred onto our physical examination form.

6. If I've worked in a medical facility before and was allowed to waive the Hepatitis B series, why do I need it now?
As an employee you can decline immunizations under the rules of OSHA. As a Health Science student you cannot decline immunizations under CMR 105.200 (Commonwealth of MA Regulation).

7. Can I get a waiver for these immunizations?
The only waivers accepted are medical and religious waivers. These waivers are specialized and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

8. I have philosophical and/or personal reasons/beliefs against being immunized. Does this qualify for a waiver?
No. Immunizations are required for public health reasons and are extremely important to the Health Science Programs to protect both the caregiver and the patient.

9. I am a former student and I already turned in my records. Do I need to turn them in or get the immunizations again?
No. Many of the immunizations turned in as a general student will apply to the Health Science Programs. However, these programs require more. Please check with the Student Immunization Records Office in the Administration Building so we may review your records and assist you in obtaining any further requirements.

REMEMBER!
• Make sure your current name, ID, DOB and selected program are on all documentation.
• Check with your Health Insurance Company to determine if they will cover your physical, lab tests and immunizations.
• Make sure that you have signed and dated the CCCC Health Science Physical Examination form, and it has been turned into the Student Immunization Records Office in the Administration Building. The Student Immunization Records Office will not be responsible for any paperwork turned into any other department.

Our staff is ready to assist in any way possible in meeting these requirements: Please forward your immunization records to the Student Immunization Records Office in the Administration Building (lower level) ASAP. Call 508-362-2131 x 4331 if you have any questions. Our FAX # is 508-375-4039 Email sthompson@capecod.edu