IMMUNIZATION FAQ
FOR HEALTH CAREER STUDENTS

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 former pediatrician 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, Hep B, and Varicella which will satisfy this requirement.

3. I’m an older student. Do I still need to provide proof of immunizations?
Yes. 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 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. With regard to the meningococcal vaccine only, a full-time student can sign a waiver indicating they reviewed the meningococcal information sheet and choose to waive receipt of meningococcal vaccine.

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, Health Science programs require more. Please check with the Student Immunization Records Office so we may review your records and assist you in obtaining any further requirements.

REMEMBER!
- Make sure your current name, ID, DOB and selected health science program are on all documentation.
- Check with your health insurance co. to determine if they will cover your physical exam, 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. 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, ASAP, to the Student Immunization Records Office. Call 774-330-4331 if you have any questions.
FAX 508-375-4039.
Email sthompson@capecod.edu

The Student Immunization Records Office is in the lower level of the Nickerson Administration Building.
In order to comply with the medical requirements for any health career program, you must complete all immunization forms and deliver them to the Student Immunization Records Office by the program deadline. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program. Forms and more information can be found online at: www.capecod.edu/immunization.

Important! All health science students must begin the Hepatitis B vaccine series at least six months before the deadline.

1. A Physical Exam within one year of the Program’s start, submitted on the CCCC Health Sciences Program Physical Exam and Immunization Form.

2. Hepatitis B: Three (3) Hep B vaccine series or a two (2) dose HEPLISAV-B Hep B vaccine series and an immune Hepatitis B surface antibody titre or an immune Hep B surface antibody titre. Also see document entitled “Acknowledgment of Risk of Acquiring Hepatitis B without Proof of Immunity”.

3. MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella): Two (2) MMR vaccines or positive antibody titres of immunity.

4. Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis): One (1) adult Tdap vaccine thenTd (Tetanus, Diphtheria) if it has been more than 10 years since Tdap.

5. Tuberculosis Screening: PPD (TB skin test) or TB blood test with negative results within the last year and annually thereafter. Participation in required clinical experiences may necessitate a two-step PPD. If PPD is positive, a negative chest x-ray within 2 years and a non-symptom report must be submitted annually or a TB blood test annually. Students with a positive PPD go to www.capecod.edu/immunization for non-symptom form.

6. Varicella (chicken pox): Two (2) Varicella vaccines or a positive antibody titre of immunity.
   Note: Having had chicken pox disease DOES NOT satisfy requirement; Varicella positive antibody titre is required.

7. Flu vaccine: A seasonal flu vaccine may be required to meet clinical agency requirements.

8. Meningococcal: One dose of (MenACWY) vaccine will be required for full time (12 credits or more) students 21 years and younger administered on or after the 16th birthday.

SPECIAL NOTES TO STUDENTS AND PROVIDERS

1. Check with your insurance company regarding the cost of immunizations and titres.

2. Vaccines are time-sensitive and must be delivered on schedule. A total regime of all the above listed immunizations will take six months to complete.

Send health forms to:
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