

IMMUNIZATIONS

Meningitis

Meningitis - All new students aged 21 years or younger must show evidence of receipt of an initial bacterial meningitis vaccination dose or booster during the five-year period preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of the first semester in which the student initially enrolls. Students may contact Recruitment and Enrollment Services for more details.

Recommendations (for all students)

Measles - All students enrolling in institutions of higher education should have two doses of the measles vaccine prior to the start of classes.

Meningitis - All students enrolling in institutions of higher education should have a bacterial meningitis vaccination dose or booster as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Tetanus/Diphtheria - Tetanus vaccines are effective for about 10 years and need to be boosted at that interval; they should be given in combination with the diphtheria vaccine.

Requirements (for students enrolling in health-related courses)

Students enrolling in health-related courses that involve direct patient contact (i.e., nursing) must meet the following immunization criteria:

Measles - Persons born since January 1, 1957, must have two doses since 12 months of age, with the doses coming at least 30 days apart.

Mumps - Persons born since January 1, 1957, must have at least one dose since 12 months of age.

Rubella - Must have at least one dose since 12 months of age.

Tetanus/Diphtheria - Must have one dose within the past 10 years.

Hepatitis B - A complete series or proof of immunity is encouraged for any student enrolling in health-related courses that involve direct patient contact, especially with patients' blood (i.e., nursing). Nursing students are required to take the hepatitis series or sign a waiver.

Meningitis - All students enrolling in nursing must have a meningitis vaccination dose or booster as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Citations

Entering college students required to receive meningococcal vaccination and students not required to receive meningococcal vaccine are defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter T, §21.612, §21.613, and §21.614