Immunization Requirements

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Massachusetts law requires immunization and vaccination documentation to be on file in the counseling and health services office for students attending Salem State University. The Salem State University policy requires all new students to submit immunization records and be in full compliance with Massachusetts state law and the Salem State University immunization policy two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Residential students must submit their forms and be in full compliance with the immunization policy two weeks prior to moving into the residence halls. This policy applies to all new students entering in the summer, fall or spring. Full-time non-residential students continue to need to be in compliance with the immunization policy prior to starting their semester.

The following students are subject to the requirements of 105 CMR 220.600:

- Full-time undergraduate and graduate students;
- Part-time undergraduate and graduate students in a health science program who may be in contact with patients
- Full or part-time student on a student or other visa, including a student attending or visiting classes or programs as part of a formal academic visitation or exchange program.

1. Hepatitis B: three doses required

- Dose one and two at least four weeks apart;
- Dose two and three at least eight weeks apart;
- at least 16 weeks between doses one and three OR
- Hepatitis B Immune Serology (titer) accepted (Lab documentation to be attached)

2. Tetanus-Diptheria and Pertussis: one dose of adult Tdap within the past 10 years

3. Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR): two doses MMR

- Dose one after first birthday;
- Dose two at least one month after dose one OR
- MMR Immune Serology (titer) accepted (Lab documentation to be attached)
- For college students, except health science students, birth before 1957 in the U.S. is also acceptable.

4. Varicella (Chicken Pox): two doses of Varicella required

- Dose one after first birthday;
- Dose two at least three months after dose one if younger than 13; OR
- Dose two at least one month after dose one if older than 13
- History of disease (documentation needed by PCP) OR
- Varicella Immune Serology (titer) accepted (Lab documentation to be attached) OR
- Birth before 1980 in U.S. is acceptable for college students, except health science students.

5. Meningitis:

- One dose of MCV4 for all students between the ages of 16 and 21 OR
- signed waiver [PDF]
- 6. TB screening- refer to health services portal forms section.

Other Recommended Vaccines, (not required):

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV): three doses Gardasil 0.5mL

- Doses one and two at least one to two months apart
- Doses one and three at least six months apart

Meningococcal B Vaccine is recommended for all residential students. Currently 2 vaccines are available and the same vaccine must be used for all doses.

- Bexsero is given as 2 doses, at least 1 month apart.
- Trumenba is given as 3 doses, with the second dose 2 months after the first and the third dose 6 months after the first.

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