USU MDA REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

All students must submit proof of immunization for the REQUIRED vaccinations listed below. Vaccinations under the “Required Immunization Records” section are mandatory. Some training facilities may require additional vaccines or documentation. It is the student’s responsibility to comply with facility requirements. Contact the MDA faculty with questions.

START NOW! Students who do not have immunizations on file will not be allowed to start rotations. Some immunizations can take up to a month to complete or will require multiple visits to the clinic. Starting early will ensure no delays in starting your program.

REQUERED IMMUNIZATIONS

1. **Chickenpox (Varicella)** - Require one of the following:
   a. Proof of 2 varicella immunizations
   b. A positive titer for varicella
   *History of chicken pox is not enough!*
   
   **Note:** The varicella vaccine can interfere with the TB test. Ask the clinic to get recommendations for timeframes and START EARLY!

2. **Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)** - Require one of the following:
   a. Proof of 2 MMR vaccinations
   b. A positive titer for measles, mumps, and rubella

3. **Hepatitis B (2 or 3 dose) series** - Require one of the following:
   a. Proof of full series of Hep B vaccinations
   b. A positive titer for Hep B
   
   **Note:** If completing the 3-dose series, at least two doses must be submitted by Orientation. The 3-dose series takes about 6 months to fully complete.

4. **Tdap (Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis)** - Require one of the following:
   a. Proof of 1 dose Tdap within past 10 years
   b. Proof of 1 Td booster if your original Tdap is more than 10 years-old
   c. A positive titer for Tdap

5. **TB (tuberculosis) test (PPD)** - Require one of the following:
   a. Proof of a 2-step PPD *(takes ~3 weeks)*
   
   **Note:** 2-step PPD test requires completing two (2) full regular PPD tests. Completion of this test requires four (4) visits to the testing facility of your choice. *(Visit #1: serum injection; Visit #2: read results 2-3 days later; then 1-2 weeks later; Visit #3: serum injection; Visit #4: read results 2-3 days later).*
   b. QuantiFERO-Gold test
   
   **Note:** PPD positive: students must show proof that TB is not communicable *(i.e. chest x-ray, MD or Health Department note). Your TB test needs to be valid for your entire program; however, TB tests are only valid for 1 year. If your current test is older than 2-3 months, you will need to complete a new one.*

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6. **Annual influenza vaccine**
   a. Needs to be obtained in the fall

   **Due on November 1, 2023, or before inpatient rotation if that will take place in October.**

7. **COVID-19** – Require one of the following:
   a. Proof of 2 shots of Moderna
   b. Proof of 2 shots of Pfizer-BioNTech
   c. Proof of 1 shot of Johnson & Johnson

   **Note:** At this time clinical facilities are requiring all students be immunized for COVID-19 and are not granting exemptions for religious reasons or other reasons. Utah State University MDA cannot grant any type of immunization exemption for rotation facilities.

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**RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS**

1. Hepatitis A (2 doses) series -- **Recommend one** of the following:
   a. Proof of both (2) Hep A vaccinations
   b. A positive titer

   **Note:** This is recommended for anyone working in foodservice. It can take several months, so start now.

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**SUBMITTING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS**

1. **Obtain** documentation for immunization records and submit by deadline on the website.
2. **Compliance Tracker**- All immunizations will be submitted through Castlebranch and will be monitored through their company to make sure they are completed correctly. More information will be provided regarding Castlebranch in April 2023.

**More information about vaccines:**

**CDC Information on Adult Vaccination Schedules:**
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html