DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE

Recording and Maintaining Immunizations

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All students (including international students) enrolled in a graduate program in the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences (SLHS) must meet immunization requirements as a condition of enrollment. SLHS students who do not complete these immunizations may have a hold placed on their registration and/or will not be eligible for a number of practicum placements.

The required immunizations are as follows:

1. Hepatitis B. Document three doses of the vaccine or antibody titre (blood test) results documenting immunity. **Note: The Hepatitis B series take four to six months to complete; therefore, if you have not had this series, you should begin this process as soon as possible to comply with this requirement.**

2. Varicella (Chicken Pox). Students must document two doses of the vaccine or submit antibody titre results documenting immunity. Effective July 1, 2013, history of varicella can no longer be self-reported. If acceptable documentation of immunity cannot be provided and a titre does not indicate immunity, the vaccine will need to be administered again.

3. Measles (Rebueola). Document two doses after age 12 months or antibody titre results documenting immunity.

4. Mumps. Document two doses after age 12 months or antibody titre results documenting immunity.

5. Rubella (German measles). Document two doses after age 12 months or antibody titre results documenting immunity.

6. Tetanus/Diphtheria. Document most current dose within the last ten years. Effective July 1, 2013, students who have not had a Td within the last 5 years must document a dose of Tdap.

7. Tuberculosis. Documentation of the two-step TST. Effective July 1, 2013 student must initially complete either (a) or (b) as follows:
   a. A two-step tuberculin skin test (TST) test. Documentation of the two-step TST. This test involves placement of a purified protein derivative (PPD) to test for tuberculosis. It must be read 48-72 hours after placement, and the area of indurations recorded. The second PPD test must be performed two weeks after the first test. The two-step TST needs to be done once.
   b. An Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test QuantiFeron TB Gold (QFT-G), QuantiFeron TB Gold in tube test (QFT-GIT); or T-Sport. TB Test (T-Spot).
Annually complete either (a) or (b):
   a. Annual TST. Documentation of an annual TST. If you have had a two-step TST more than one year ago, you should have a standard TST. Annual TST’s are required each year you are in your program.
   b. Annual IGRA. Documentation of Annual IGRA

Chest x-ray if you have had a positive TST or IGRA. If you have had a positive TST or a positive IGRA, your documentation must include the results of your follow-up chest x-ray. Once this documentation is submitted, yearly TST or IGRA is not required. Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccinated individuals who test positive by TST and negative by an IGRA are not required to have a follow-up chest x-ray.

We understand that many students have not had a two-step TST before. The test is not required for all placements, just for medical placements; therefore it is not necessarily required until spring semester of your first year. To understand the requirement for health care workers, you can refer to the immunization website (www.ahc.umn.edu/immunizations) and read the section “Why a Two-Step Tuberculin Skin Test?”

8. Influenza. Documentation of yearly flu-season shot.

Use the SLHS Immunizations Form located at http://www.slhs.umn.edu/grad/handbook.html. Please note that there is not space to record the influenza shot, you must submit yearly supporting documentation of the immunization.

It is the student’s responsibility to achieve compliance with the SLHS Immunization requirements. Students must keep a copy of the immunization form and any other documentation for their records.

Immunization records will be kept in the student’s confidential practicum file, stored in the department. Records will be maintained until student has graduated, at which point they will be confidentially shredded.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

- Requirements for health professions are different from those recommended for the general population, including undergraduate students. The University’s requirement for health professions students is consistent with those of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and Minnesota state law for health care workers.

- Affiliation agreements with practicum sites require SLHS to verify student immunization records. Students who do not meet the placement’s immunization requirements are not eligible for placement.
FORMS

- SLHS Immunizations Form

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