HEALTH SERVICES
IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

To All Nursing and Health Professions Students:
This information sheet is provided for your information and your physician. Prior to your appointment with your physician for the physical examination which is required and must be within 6 months of the start of program, you should obtain your immunization records from your high school or health care provider. Take these records with you to your doctor so that the doctor may document your immunization dates. **Neither a personal nor a physician certified history of disease is acceptable evidence of immunity.** You may also bring your immunization records in to health services office prior to your appointment with your physician to go over all necessary immunization requirements.

The attached Health Services Record must be completed and returned to Health Services Office **before** registering for classes in order to be cleared for clinical.

Measles (Rubeola)
1. All students are required to present documented proof of immunity to measles.
2. Students can be considered immune to measles only if they have physician documentation of:
   a. Immunization with 2 doses of live attenuated measles vaccine or any vaccine combination containing measles antigen that was administered after 1957, after the first birthday, and at least one month apart.
   
   or
   
   b. Copy of lab evidence of measles immunity. (IgG)

Mumps
1. All students are required to present documented proof of immunity to mumps.
2. Students can be considered immune to mumps vaccine only if they have physician documentation of:
   a. Immunization with 1 dose of live attenuated mumps vaccine or any vaccine combination containing mumps antigen that was administered after 1957, after the first birthday and at least one month apart.
   
   or
   
   b. Copy of lab evidence of mumps immunity. (IgG)

Rubella (German measles)
1. All students are required to present documented proof of immunity to rubella.
2. Students can be considered immune to rubella only if they have physician documentation of:
   a. Immunization with 2 doses of live attenuated rubella vaccine or any vaccine combination containing rubella antigen that was administered after 1957, after the first birthday, and at least one month apart.
   
   or
   
   b. Copy of lab evidence of mumps immunity. (IgG)
Tetanus and Diphtheria

1. Booster-within the last 10 years

Tuberculosis

1. Incoming Nursing and Health Professions require a 2 step Mantoux test (PPD). (separate form) **In addition, the Mantoux test (PPD) test must be repeated every year while in Nursing or a Health Professions program.**

2. If Mantoux (PPD) result is positive, a chest x-ray is required. Chest x-ray must be taken within 6 months of starting the program. The report must be submitted to Health Services.

3. If student received BCG vaccine less than 5 years ago (must have documentation), a Mantoux is not necessary but a chest x-ray must be submitted no older than 1 year. If you received BCG as a child, or more than 5 years ago, a Mantoux test is required. If result is positive, a chest x-ray is required. Isoniazid therapy is suggested. If treated with Isoniazid, date of initial treatment is required.

Hepatitis B

1. As students in the health professions have a risk of occupational exposure to Hepatitis B virus in clinical settings, immunization is required. The course of vaccination requires 3 injections over a 6 months period (0,1,6 months). Students must have received the first injection before entering clinical practice. Dose 2 and 3 must be given according to schedule and may be given during the course of clinical practice.

   or

2. Copy of lab evidence of Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (HBsAb)

Varicella

1. All students are required to present documented proof of immunity to varicella.

2. Students can be considered immune to varicella only if they have physician documentation of: a. Immunization with two doses chicken pox vaccine Varivax. The course of vaccination requires 2 injections, four to eight weeks apart if immunized after age 13 years.

   or

B. Copy of lab evidence of varicella immunity (IgG)

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