This document provides a summary of Health Sciences Immunization Program (HSIP) requirements and acceptable documentation for each item. Students are encouraged to begin collecting documentation and obtain needed immunizations or lab tests as soon as possible after admission. If you do not have a health care provider, please see the HSIP webpage for a list of Health Care Resources and find answers to frequently asked questions.

**DOCUMENT SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Students submit their immunization and test result documentation to a web-based system called CastleBranch. Each health sciences program sends instructions for creating the CastleBranch account to accepted students, along with deadlines for meeting requirements.

Documentation is required for each item (listed below), which you must upload to the To Do List in your CastleBranch account. This checklist helps you keep track as you obtain your health records. You can use these tips for locating your records. You will also find detailed instructions for meeting each required item in your CastleBranch account.

**CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS**

A primary childhood or adult DTaP/DTP/DT/Td series is required. You are expected to have received the childhood polio series. An adult IPV booster is an acceptable alternative.

The CastleBranch website asks you: Were childhood immunizations completed? (e.g., DPT/Polio; completion in adulthood is okay, as explained above):

- Childhood (or adult) vaccine records will be submitted to prove completion
  - OR
- If your health records are not available, personal attestation is allowed. Answer “yes” to the childhood series question in your CastleBranch account.

**MMR: MEASLES (RUBEOLA), MUMPS AND RUBELLA**

Two doses of the MMR 3-component vaccine are required (other vaccine types not accepted), given on or after 12 months of age and at least one month apart, OR positive measles, mumps, and rubella antibody titers.

- Two doses of MMR 3-component vaccine dated January 1971 or later; two live vaccines may be given on the same day or more than one month apart, OR
- Lab reports showing positive antibody titer results for measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella (NOTE: IgM titers are not acceptable.)

**DOCUMENTATION OF LAB RESULTS**

Tips to ensure documentation is not rejected during the submission process:

- Records must clearly indicate student name, vaccine type and exact dates (month/day/year) for each dose. Verbal histories, year only, or “1/1/year” (sometime in the year of) dates are not accepted.
- Pharmacy print-outs, childhood records/cards, chart notes, provider letters, and electronic print-outs are all acceptable proof of immunization.
- Submit actual lab report print-outs showing titer or IGRA results. An immunization summary does not suffice as a lab report.
- Student name, collection or “draw” date, and a numeric reference range must be included on...
TB SCREENING

An initial (entry year) screening of two TB skin tests (PPD) or IGRA blood test (QuantiFERON-TB Gold) is required, unless you have documentation of a previous positive test result.

Second PPD must be placed 1-3 weeks after the first is read. PPD documentation must include: name, dates placed, dates read, and results in mm. Results obtained by “self-read” are not accepted.

TB documentation forms for the two-step TB skin test are in the CastleBranch To Do List. Obtain test during month(s) required by program to ensure your documentation is accepted.

TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS

One dose of Tdap is required. If you received it more than 10 years ago, an additional dose of Td-containing vaccine is needed. Titers are not accepted in lieu of Td/Tdap vaccine.

- Documentation of adult Tdap vaccine within the past 10 years
  OR
- Td administered in the past 10 years AND a Tdap vaccine administered on or after 6/1/2005

VARICELLA

Two doses of varicella-containing vaccine are required, given on or after 12 months of age and at least one month apart, OR positive varicella antibody titer. History of disease is not accepted. Only vaccine or titer is accepted.

- Two doses of varicella vaccine dated March 1995 or later; two live vaccines may be given on the same day or more than one month apart
  OR
- Lab report showing positive varicella antibody titer result (NOTE: IgM titer is not acceptable.)

INFLUENZA VACCINE

Submit documentation of seasonal influenza vaccine (required) between August and October each year.

Waivers are given for valid medical contraindications. To submit a request to waive the seasonal influenza vaccine requirement, a UW flu waiver request form (available from HSIP at myshots@uw.edu) must be signed by a provider, then returned to HSIP for review. School compliance staff and training sites will be notified of approved waivers.

HEPATITIS B

Complete Hepatitis B vaccine series (Hepatitis B 3-dose series or Heplisav-B 2-dose series) spaced appropriately per standards set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) AND a positive quantitative Hepatitis B surface antibody titer meets the requirement. The lab report result must include numeric reference ranges; the usual standard for a positive titer is 10 mIU/mL or higher. Titers submitted without vaccine dates, or without numeric results/ranges, are not accepted.

- Three or more documented doses of Hepatitis B vaccine AND a positive HBSAB-QUAN/CONC/Index titer, OR
- Two doses of Heplisav-B vaccine AND a positive HBSAB-QUAN/CONC/Index titer, OR
- Hepatitis B/Heplisav-B series in process; upload documentation of each dose as received to your To Do List; titer is due four weeks after last dose; a status of compliance will be maintained as long as each deadline is met

Hepatitis B Infection/Carriers/Non-Responders

- For past/resolved hepatitis B infection, submit lab reports for QN HBsAb, HBCAb, and HBsAg to HSIP at myshots@uw.edu and await further instructions.
- For Hepatitis B carriers, contact HSIP at myshots@uw.edu to obtain a letter for your provider. Submit completed letter with a lab report showing positive HBsAg to HSIP for review.
- For Hepatitis B non-responders, contact HSIP at myshots@uw.edu to obtain a letter for your provider. Submit completed letter and documentation of two 3-dose Hep B series, lab report(s) showing negative HBsAg and appropriately timed negative HBsAb.

Contact the Health Sciences Immunization Program (HSIP) at myshots@uw.edu or call 206.616.9074.