IMMUNIZATIONS

The immunizations listed below are required of all students. The cost of all immunizations will be the responsibility of the student and/or dependent.

Hepatitis B Alone or Hepatitis A&B Combo Vaccine

All students enrolling at the Health Science Center must be immunized against Hepatitis B. Students must provide documentation of three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine and a positive titer confirming immunity (must include a copy of the laboratory report documenting the quantitative value of the titer)

The Health Science Center will accept either the standard Hepatitis B series (3 injections), the expedited Hepatitis B series (3 injections), or the Hepatitis A&B combo vaccine series (3 injections). The Hepatitis B series can take between 4 to 6 months to complete.

Bacterial Meningitis

Pursuant to SB 1107 enacted by the State of Texas, all new students enrolling in the Health Science Center must provide proof that the meningitis vaccination was administered at least 10 days prior to the first day of the term. Bacterial Meningitis Vaccinations must have been received or renewed within the last 5 years. The legislation provides for some exceptions. For current exceptions, please visit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's website.

Students who qualify for legislative exceptions and wish to exercise those must complete a Meningitis Exemption Form with the Student Health Center. Failure to do so consistent with the noted time frame will preclude registration.

Tuberculosis Screening

All students must submit the following TB screening results

1. Two step skin test completed within one year of enrollment
2. Negative TB blood test completed within one year of enrollment

Or for those persons with a history of a positive skin test:

1. Proof of a negative chest x-ray result dated after the initial positive PPD/ blood test and
2. Proof of a TB evaluation conducted by a licensed healthcare provider with in one year of enrollment

Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) or Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis (TdaP)

Proof of booster shot with either the Td or TdaP within the past 10 years is required. Health care workers who have direct patient contact should get one dose of TdaP. A 2-year interval since the last Td is suggested but not required.

Polio

All students under the age of 18 are required to show proof of polio vaccination.

Measles-Mumps-Rubella

All students must submit one of the following:

1. Proof of vaccination with:
   a. Measles - 2 vaccines required AND
   b. Mumps & Rubella - 1 vaccine each, OR
2. MMR combo vaccine – 2 doses, the second dose of MMR administered at least 28 days after the first dose
3. Laboratory report of positive immune serum antibody titer for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

All students must submit one of the following:

1. Documentation of two immunizations administered on or after the first birthday and at least 30 days apart, or
2. Documentation from a health care provider on the date of the previous disease (chicken pox or zoster), or
3. Laboratory report of positive immune serum antibody titer (IgG).

Influenza (Flu)

It is optimal to have immunity throughout the flu season, typically October – March. Please check with your school admissions office to determine if it has a particular timeline/deadline, or if you require an exemption. Documentation of receiving the flu vaccination must be received annually. Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the flu can be found on the CDC Web site http://www.cdc.gov/flu/