



IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE POLICY

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OVERVIEW

Immunizations offer safe and effective protection from vaccine-preventable diseases. The University of New England (UNE) strongly supports the use of vaccines to protect the health of our individual students and our campus communities.

In recognition of the vital role that vaccine coverage plays in community (herd) immunity, UNE follows state law and does not allow for the use of non-medical exemption for required vaccinations. Medical exemptions are allowed but will require appropriate documentation and b

REQUIRED FOR ALL INCOMING UNE STUDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

Meningococcal

Meningococcal ACWY immunization on or after the 16th birthday and/or within 5 years of matriculation is a requirement for all students living in residential housing or other UNE approved congregate living situations on any UNE campus, including Portland, Biddeford, and Morocco. Please contact the Student Health Center on the Biddeford or Portland Campus for information on how to become immunized against meningococcal meningitis/sepsis.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS

Health professions students or online students with required clinical training components must meet all additional immunization requirements for health care workers of the state (other than Maine) and clinical sites where they will train. UNE health professions colleges and programs each have requirements that may include any or all of the vaccines and testing summarized below. Please check with your college or program for their specific requirements.

The UNE Student Health Center may provide guidance and assistance with completion of these requirements; if necessary, expenses related to completing these requirements through UNE Student Health will be the responsibility of the student and will be billed to the student's insurance.

Exemptions for Health Professions Students:

Clinical training affiliate and sites establish their own immunization requirements independent of UNE. UNE health professions students must meet the requirements of their clinical training sites in addition to UNE requirements. If a health profession student meets the criteria for an exemption for 4na03 Tw 3.32 0 T () JT Jents tJ -0de emp9..independent

Description of CDC Recommendations and Potential Requirements
Health Care Professions

Influenza may be required

SARSCoV2 may be required

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a viral infection that is transmitted through blood and other bodily fluids. Health care professionals are considered at risk of transmitting or becoming infected due to potential exposure to bodily fluids inherent to the profession. Procedures for vaccination

Recommended Vaccines for Healthcare workers <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/recvac/hcw.html>

Ask the Experts, Q&A on Hepatitis B Vaccines <https://www.immunize.org/ask-experts/topic/hepb/#hcw>

Varicella

The administration of live varicella vaccine on 2 separate occasions after the student's 1st birthday with a minimum of 4 weeks separating the doses constitutes immunity. If there is no evidence of vaccinations or a student has a history of infection with chickenpox, evidence of immunity may be proven with a laboratory titer, and the positive titer must be documented by an appropriate health care provider. If the titer proves negative or equivocal, then 2 doses of live varicella vaccine separated by at least 4 weeks are required. If testing is performed with documented vaccines, the vaccines supersede testing results. Specific programs may have different requirements concerning varicella immunity.

Tuberculosis

Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) and Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)

Tuberculosis screening may be performed through a 2-step TST or an IGRA. Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) As of 2019, there are 2 brands of testing including QuantiFERON® Gold (Cepheid) and T-SPOT® TB (Mérieux).

