



## Pacific University Health Profession Programs Required Immunizations & Screens

### PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

In accordance with Oregon law, Pacific University is required to ensure all students in health professions programs meet requirements for immunizations and health screenings (Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter §409, Division 030, Health Profession Student Clinical Training Administrative Requirements). Pacific University requires that all students, staff, and faculty are vaccinated against COVID-19. It is anticipated that the COVID-19 vaccine series will be added to the OAR Chapter §409, Division 030 requirements.

Immunization and screening requirements may change without notice.

It is the student's responsibility to provide evidence of required screenings, immunizations, and/or titer results. All immunizations and health screenings are submitted through Certiphi's MyRecordTracker. **No health records should be sent to the program.**

All required immunizations and screenings must be complete before students can begin clinical rotations. Failure to complete these requirements may affect student's status in the program, including admission, enrollment in subsequent semesters, or ability to continue in a health profession program at Pacific University.

#### Required Immunizations:

- 1) **Hepatitis B Vaccination series and Titer** – Provide evidence of:
  - a. 3-dose (Engerix-B or Recombivax HB) series **or** 2-dose Heplisav-B **AND**
  - b. Quantitative Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer showing protective concentration of  $\geq 10$  mIU/mL.\*

#### \*NOTES:

1. BOTH the vaccine series AND titer are required.
  2. If the titer shows you do not show  $\geq 10$  mIU/mL, CDC accepts 1 of 2 options:
    - a. 1 additional dose with quantitative titer 4-6 weeks after each dose until protective concentration of  $\geq 10$  mIU/mL is reached or
    - b. Complete a second series of vaccines and obtain 1 quantitative titer 4-6 weeks after additional doses demonstrating  $\geq 10$  mIU/mL
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- 2) **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** – Provide evidence of ONE of the following for all components of the MMR (an MR vaccine is not acceptable):
    - a. Written documentation of vaccination with 2 doses of live measles and mumps vaccines given on or after the first birthday and separated by 28 days or more, and at least 1 dose of live rubella vaccine OR
    - b. For students born in 1957 or later without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccination, give 2 doses of MMR, 4 weeks apart OR
    - c. A titer showing immunity for each Measles (Rubeola) IgG, Mumps IgG, and Rubella IgG.

It is not recommended that students with 2 documented doses of MMR are serologically tested for immunity; but if they are tested and results are negative or equivocal for measles, mumps, and/or rubella, these students should be considered to have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, and/or rubella and are not in need of additional MMR doses.

- 3) **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap)** - Provide evidence of:
- a. 1 dose of Tdap within last 10 years. If the vaccine is older than 10 years, a new TDAP vaccination must be administered.

\*NOTE: a TD vaccine (tetanus and diphtheria) is not acceptable. The combination vaccine must be for all three components of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

- 4) **Varicella** (Chickenpox) Provide evidence of:
- a. 2 Varicella vaccines administered 4 weeks apart, OR
  - b. a positive titer showing serologic proof of immunity, OR
  - c. diagnosis/ verification of a history of Varicella or Herpes Zoster (shingles) by a health care provider.
- 5) **COVID-19** (SARS-CoV-2) Provide evidence of:
- a. Proof of one of the vaccine series\*:
    - 2 shot COVID vaccine series OR
    - Johnson and Johnson 1 shot COVID vaccine OR
    - 2 shot Moderna OR
    - 3 shot Pfizer-BioNTech OR
    - 2023-24 formula vaccine (i.e Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech)

Additionally, if the series was more than 1 year ago:

- Provide proof of COVID Vaccine within 1 year.

\*Please note: If you are getting a shot series then all vaccinations are needed for approval.

**Medical Exemption:**

Signed Note from Provider that states student is "up-to-date" with COVID Vaccine

Signed Note from PCP that Student is medically exempt from COVID Vaccine

Expiration date will be set to 1 year after the last vaccine dose, letter from provider or medical exemption.

**Additional Recommendations and Immunization Considerations:**

- **Influenza** is highly recommended (annually) for all health professionals and students in health professions programs. Documentation of annual influenza vaccination may be required by specific clinical sites.
- Individual clinical sites may require additional immunizations including polio, Hepatitis A, or other immunizations in order to be placed by the program.
- Students who elect travel abroad in association with the health professions training program may have additional vaccination requirements specific to the destination country. These requirements will be explained for any student who elects to pursue an aspect of the program outside of the United States.
- University authorized vaccine exemptions for medical or religious reasons allow students to access academic coursework on campus. Outside clinical sites do not accept university exemption approval and will usually require students to receive specific approval for an exemption as authorized by the site. Please consult with relevant placement coordinator(s) and program director(s) with any questions related to vaccine exemption approval prior to any clinical placement.

## Required Health Screening:

- 1) **Tuberculosis (TB)** – Provide evidence of annual TB screening through one of the following:
  - a. 2-step Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) requires a repeat TST within 1-3 weeks of first TST OR
  - b. Quantiferon Gold Test (QFT) (IGRA screening blood test) OR
  - c. T-spot test (IGRA screening blood test)

NOTE: ANY students with a positive TB 2-step test must get a follow up IGRA test (QFT or TST). If IGRA is positive, students must obtain documentation of a normal Chest X-ray dated within 6 months of start of program. These students must also complete and upload a TB Symptom Evaluation <https://pacificu.box.com/s/yi4dmby2jcc5fedgat9oxprlav4vvuyv> to MyRecord Tracker. Chest X-rays will only be required the first time a TST, QFT or T-spot is positive.

Upon annual renewal students must complete a TB screening as outlined above.

## **Exemptions**

For all vaccines required under Oregon Law, exemptions are permitted only in accordance with the Oregon Law (OAR §409-030-0180.3) which reads as follows: “Individual student medical exemptions from specific immunizations must be maintained by health profession programs as part of the overall record of the student. Documentation for exemption requires a written statement of exemption signed by a qualified medical profession. Non-medical exemptions from immunizations are not allowed.”

If you have written authorization for medical exemption for any OAR requirement, (1) upload the exemption documentation to the MyRecordTracker portal for that specific vaccine AND (2) contact the Pacific University Office of Accessibility and Accommodations to ensure that you have appropriate accommodations in place for your program.

## **Documentation**

A document appropriately signed or officially stamped and dated by a qualified medical professional or authorized representative of a health department including the patient’s name, month and year of screening results and vaccination and/or immunity confirmed by titer and/or immunity conferred by diagnosis of disease.

You can begin to gather the required documentation through requests for medical records from previous providers and/or schedule an appointment with a primary care provider, health department, or (where applicable) your current student health clinic to review your immunization history and develop a plan for completion of required immunizations and screenings.

## **How to Record Immunizations and Screening Records**

Prior to beginning the program this fall, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) will contact you with instructions about how to upload your immunization records through Certiphi’s MyRecordTracker system. You will receive instructions followed by an email from Certiphi with a login code to set up an account to manage background check, drug screens, and to upload your immunizations and health screening documentation.

The medical staff at Certiphi review the documentation you upload and provide programs with verification that immunizations and screenings are complete or not complete. The program does not receive, access, or interpret medical documentation.

## **Retention of Your Immunization and Screening Records**

It is recommended that you begin to gather documentation of your immunization history or history of immunity as described above. It is very strongly recommended that you retain copies of all documents for the following reasons:

1. Your program will not be able to see or access your medical records,
2. Clinical placement sites may require that you provide documentation directly to them and they cannot access Certiphi/MyRecordTracker, and
3. Future employers are likely to require the same documentation.

**Questions?**

For the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, please contact Katie Lardy, CSD Sr. Manager of Operations at [katielardy@pacificu.edu](mailto:katielardy@pacificu.edu).

**For More Information**

- For more information about the State of Oregon requirements under OAR, please see: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1662>
- For more information about the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for Healthcare Professionals please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6007a1.htm>