

Graduate Student Immunization Policy

Purpose: To ensure graduate student immunization compliance required by the University of the South

Policy: All matriculating graduate students, regardless of age, are required to have proof of vaccine, or immunity, and screening of the following:

1. Two doses of **Measles-Mumps-Rubella** vaccine or proof of immunity to each;

Adults born in 1957 or later without acceptable evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, or rubella (defined below) should receive 1 dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) unless they have a medical contraindication to the vaccine, e.g., pregnancy or severe immunodeficiency.

- Notes: Acceptable evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, or rubella in adults is:
 - Born before 1957,
 - Documentation of receipt of MMR, or
 - Laboratory evidence of immunity or disease.
 - Documentation of health care provider-diagnosed disease without laboratory confirmation is not acceptable evidence of immunity.

2. Three doses of **Hepatitis B** vaccine or proof of immunity;
3. Two doses of **Varicella** vaccine, proof of immunity, or date of infection;
4. **Tuberculin screening within the last 6 months** of matriculation;
5. **Tdap** vaccine within the last ten years. If only Td or tetanus on record, a Tdap must be administered.
6. **Meningococcal** vaccine*: If you are living in a residential hall and are under the age of 22 and have not had a meningococcal vaccine after the age of 16 years, you are required to have a booster meningococcal vaccine.

*If you are over the age of 22 and you intend to live in a residential hall on campus, you are encouraged to speak with your healthcare provider about their recommendations regarding this vaccine.

Procedure:

- 1) All new students are notified of these requirements by the administration of the School of Theology (SOT) as well as the School of Letters (SSL). Deadlines are set by those respective offices. Graduate Student vaccine requirements will be posted on the University Wellness Center's (UWC) website as well as the SOT and SSL websites.

- 2) Vaccine information is received and reviewed by The University Health Service(UHS). Any student, who has not completed the required vaccinations by the deadline will have a hold placed on their registration by UHS.
- 3) It is preferred that all students discuss these requirements with their health care provider at home and receive the required vaccinations prior to their arrival at Sewanee. The UHS Nurse Practitioner or Supervising Physician will review any complicated or unclear information received by a student. All vaccines or testing done at UHS will be at the student's expense and will be filed to insurance by UHS. The only exception regarding financial responsibility will be coverage of vaccines and/or screenings for the international students by monies set aside by the Dean of the College (see International Student Vaccine Policy).
- 4) After insurance is filed, the remaining cost will be billed to the responsible party or applied to their student account.

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