

Student Health Testing: Guidelines



We require the following tests and vaccines for regulatory compliance and to ensure immunity status, which is an essential part of our disease and infection prevention programs. Vaccinations may be obtained from Samaritan Occupational Medicine (SOM) or a facility of your choice. The expense is the responsibility of the student. If you decide not to receive the required vaccines, you may have your experience suspended or revoked.

TB Screening

Confirmation of a Tuberculosis (TB) Test is required. If you have no record of a Tuberculosis (TB) Test, you will need to have one taken and read at Samaritan Occupational Medicine (SOM) or the facility of your choice. If you've had a positive TB test in the past, you will need to complete a TB Risk Factor Screening form and chest x-ray or provide the Student Services Coordinator with a record of a chest x-ray dated within the last 6 months.

Measles (Rubeola), Mumps & Rubella

Please provide one of the following as evidence of MMR immunity:

- Two MMR vaccines **OR**
- Two Measles (Rubeola), two Mumps and one Rubella vaccine **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunity (titer)

Hepatitis B

Please provide one of the following as evidence of Hepatitis B (HBV) immunity:

- Three Hepatitis B vaccines **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of Hepatitis B immunity (titer)

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Please provide one of the following as evidence of Varicella immunity:

- Two Varicella vaccines **OR**
- If you had Chicken Pox as a child, provide laboratory evidence of Varicella immunity (titer)

Influenza

Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Students should receive an annual dose of the seasonal flu vaccine to prevent disease transmission.

Tdap

Please provide evidence of a single dose of the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine within the last 10 years.

Definition of Healthcare Personnel (HCP)

HCP refers to all paid and **unpaid** persons working in a healthcare setting who have the potential for exposure to patients and/or to infectious materials, including body substances, contaminated medical supplies and equipment, contaminated environmental surfaces or contaminated air. HCP includes persons *directly or indirectly* involved in patient care who can be potentially exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted to and from HCP and patients. These requirements apply to HCP working in (but not limited to) the following settings: acute care hospitals, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, physician's offices, urgent care centers, outpatient clinics, and to persons who provide home health care and emergency medical services.

Definition of Titer

A titer is a laboratory test that measures the level of antibodies in a blood sample to determine immunity.

