

## Immunization Requirements and Recommendations for University System of Georgia Students

<b>Proof of Immunization or Naturally-Acquired Immunity Required for Some or All Students</b>			
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Required for:</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Measles (Rubeola)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 doses of live measles containing vaccine (combined measles-mumps-rubella or “MMR” meets this requirement), with first dose at 12 months of age or later and second dose at least 28 days after the first dose,</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></li> <li>- Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity</li> </ul>	Students born in 1957 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence<sup>2,4</sup>.</li> <li>2) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.</li> </ol>
<b>Mumps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 doses of live mumps containing vaccine (combined measles-mumps-rubella or “MMR” meets this requirement), with first dose at 12 months of age or later and second dose at least 28 days after the first dose,</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></li> <li>- Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity</li> </ul>	Students born in 1957 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence<sup>2,4</sup>.</li> <li>2) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.</li> </ol>
<b>Rubella (German Measles)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 dose at 12 months of age or later (MMR meets this requirement),</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></li> <li>- Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity</li> </ul>	Students born in 1957 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence<sup>2,4</sup>.</li> <li>2) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.</li> </ol>

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<b>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 doses spaced at least 3 months apart if both doses are given before the student's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday,</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart, If first dose given after the student's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday:</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- Reliable history of varicella disease ("chicken pox"),</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- History of herpes zoster (shingles)</li> </ul>	<p>All <u>U.S born</u> students born during or after 1980</p> <p>All foreign born students regardless of year born</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence<sup>2,4</sup>.</li> <li>2) For students born before 1966, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.</li> </ul>
<b>Tetanus, Diphtheria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One tetanus/diphtheria containing <b>booster</b> dose within 10 years prior to matriculation. Combined tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (whooping cough) booster (Tdap) is preferred but Td is acceptable (<i>Students who are unable to document a primary series of 3 doses of tetanus/diphtheria-containing vaccine (DTaP, DTP, or Td) are <b>strongly advised</b> to complete a 3-dose primary series.</i></li> </ul>	<p>All students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Tetanus/diphtheria containing boosters are recommended every 10 years throughout adulthood. Adults should receive a single dose of Tdap to replace a single dose of Td. Tdap should also be given to adults who will have close contact with an infant less than 12 months of age, ideally at least one month before beginning close contact with infants.</li> </ul>

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Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 dose hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 4-6 months),</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- 3 dose combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 6-12 months),</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- 2 dose hepatitis B series of Recombivax™ (0 and 4-6 months, given at 11-15 years of age),</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- Laboratory / serologic evidence of immunity or prior infection</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required</b> for all students who will be 18 years of age or less at matriculation.</p> <p>It is <b>strongly recommended</b> that all students, regardless of their age at matriculation, discuss hepatitis B immunization with their health care provider.</p>	May be required (along with recommended post-vaccine serologic testing) for students in the health sciences, regardless of age at matriculation.

Signed Documentation Stating that Student Has Received the Vaccine OR Reviewed Information Provided as Required by House Bill 521 Required for Some Students			
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Meningococcal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine (<b>preferred</b>)</li> <li><b>-+or</b></li> <li>- 1 dose of meningococcal polysaccharide within 5 years prior to matriculation,</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>Signed documentation that student (or parent or guardian if student &lt;18 years old) has received and reviewed information about the disease as required by O.C.G.A. § 31-12-3.2</li> </ul>	Newly admitted freshmen or matriculated students <u>planning to reside in university managed campus housing</u>	1) Effective January 2004, University System of Georgia institutions are required by O.C.G.A. §31-12-3.2 to obtain signed documentation from newly admitted freshman or matriculated students indicating that they have received the vaccine or have reviewed information about the disease. If a student is a minor, only a parent or guardian may sign such document.

Immunization Recommended for All Students		
Vaccine	Recommended Schedule	Notes
<b>Influenza</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual vaccination at the start of influenza season (October – March)</li> </ul>	<b>Strongly recommended</b> for students with medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, or immunodeficiencies, as well as for students residing in dormitories or other group living situations or who are members of athletic teams.

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<b>Human Papillomavirus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 dose HPV series. Dose #2 given 4-8 wks after dose #1, and dose #3 is given 6 mos after dose #1 (at least 10 wks after dose #2).</li> </ul>	<b>Strongly recommended</b> for all unvaccinated women through age 26 yrs.
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 dose hepatitis A series (0 and 6-12 months),</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- 3 dose combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 6-12 months)</li> </ul>	<b>Strongly recommended</b> for: persons traveling to countries where hepatitis A is moderately or highly endemic, men who have sex with men, users of injectable and noninjectable drugs, persons with clotting-factor disorders, and persons with chronic liver disease
<b>Pneumococcal Polysaccharide</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 dose for persons &lt; 65 yrs if have chronic illness or other risk factor including but not limited to: diabetes, asthma, asplenia, sickle cell disease, cochlear implant recipient, HIV infection or other immunocompromising condition</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>- 1 dose for unvaccinated persons <math>\geq</math> 65yrs</li> </ul>	Revaccination with pneumococcal vaccine every 5 yrs after persons is 65 yrs, is <b>NOT</b> recommended <sup>5</sup>
<b>Other Vaccines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other vaccines may be recommended for students with underlying medical conditions and students planning international travel. Students meeting these criteria should consult with their physicians or health clinic regarding additional vaccine recommendations.</li> </ul>	

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### Related Links:

Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Immunization Program: <http://www.health.state.ga.us/programs/immunization>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Vaccines and Immunizations: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

CDC Vaccines for Teenagers and College students: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/teen-schedule.htm>

Immunization Action Coalition: <http://www.immunize.org/>

American College Health Association: [http://www.acha.org/info\\_resources/guidelines.cfm](http://www.acha.org/info_resources/guidelines.cfm)