

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### **Policy Statement:**

Health care workers, including students participating in clinical experiences, are at risk for contracting a variety of communicable diseases. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has specific recommendations for health care workers, in addition to the usual adult immunization requirements, to better protect them and the populations they serve.

The University Of Mobile School Of Nursing requires students to provide validation of certain immunizations and/or proof of immunity prior to the start of the clinical placement. All clinical sites require this same proof prior to placing a student in a clinical area.

Students who fail to provide proof of immunizations and/or proof of immunity required by clinical sites will not be permitted to participate in clinical experiences that are necessary for program completion. It is also possible that some clinical agencies may require immunizations in addition to those required by the UM School of Nursing.

### **Waiver of Receipt of Required Immunizations**

If a student is unable to receive the required immunizations due to a medical contraindication, they must provide documentation by a licensed healthcare provider stating they are unable to fulfill the requirement.

### **Submission:**

Students are required to submit proof of immunizations by uploading into Magnus **no later than 1 week prior to the start of classes.** Documentation of immunization waivers should also be uploaded into Magnus.

The required immunization schedule is listed below:

### **Mumps/Measles/Rubella (MMR)**

One of the following is required:

- **Two (2) vaccinations OR positive antibody titer for all 3 components OR documentation by a medical provider of an allergic reaction.**
- If the titer is negative or equivocal, you must repeat the series and submit each record to Castle Branch as you progress through the immunizations.
- If you have not received the 2-dose series MMR immunizations, you must begin the series and submit each record to Castle Branch as you progress through the immunizations.

### **Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)**

Documentation of the following is required:

- **Documentation of Tdap within the last ten (10) years OR documentation by a medical provider of an allergic reaction.**

- The next action date will be set for ten (10) years from the administered date of the vaccine.

### **Hepatitis B Series (HepB)**

Documentation of the following is required:

- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine AND a positive Hepatitis B surface antibody titer OR documentation by a medical provider of an allergic reaction.
- If you have not received the 3-dose series Hepatitis B immunizations, you must begin the series and submit each record to Castle Branch as you progress through the immunizations. Dose #1 should be received prior to the first day of class (see calendar). Dose # 2 should be 1-2 months after Dose # 1. Dose #3 should be 4-6 months after Dose #1.
- If the initial Hepatitis B surface antibody titer is negative, a booster is required.

### **Varicella**

- One of the following is required:
- Two (2) vaccinations OR positive antibody titer OR history of disease OR documentation by a medical provider of an allergic reaction.
- If the titer is negative or equivocal, you must repeat the series and submit each record to Castle Branch as you progress through the immunizations.
- If you have not received the 2-dose series Varicella immunizations, you must begin the series and submit each record to Castle Branch as you progress through the immunizations.

### **Tuberculosis (TB)**

- One of the following is required:
- A negative 1–step tuberculin skin test (PPD) OR a blood test (Quantiferon or T-Spot) is required annually.
- Thereafter, a 1-step renewal is required each year.
- The 1-step MUST be drawn within 12 months of the last test, or it will not be accepted.
- *If skin test or blood test is positive, or student has a previous history of a positive tuberculin skin test or blood test, the following is required:*
- A negative chest x-ray is required within the last 5 years prior to beginning clinical.

### **Influenza**

- Documentation of the following is required:
- Flu shot administered for the current flu season OR documentation by a medical provider of an allergic reaction.
- The next action date will be set for one (1) year from the administered date of the vaccine.