

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION POLICY

OVERVIEW & FAQ

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As of November 12, 2025, CU Anschutz Medical Campus has implemented an updated Student Immunization Requirements and Compliance Policy (7014A).

Please note: This document summarizes the University-wide Student Immunization Policy. Some schools or programs may require additional immunizations, testing, or documentation beyond these minimum requirements.

The University policy requires that all enrolled and matriculated students on the Anschutz Medical Campus provide documentation of adequate vaccine history or laboratory evidence of immunity to the following communicable diseases:

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND PERTUSSIS (TDAP)	1 dose Tdap booster at age 11 years old or later - AND Td/Tdap booster within last 10 years
MEASLES (RUBEOLA), MUMPS, AND RUBELLA (MMR)	2 doses of MMR vaccine OR positive titer for each virus
HEPATITIS B	3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (Energix-B, Pediarix, Recombivax, Twinrix) OR 2 doses of Heplisav-B vaccine - AND confirmation of immunity with a positive titer
VARICELLA	2 doses of Varicella vaccine OR positive titer
POLIO	4 doses of 4-dose polio series OR for previously unvaccinated adults, 3 doses of 3-dose polio series
INFLUENZA	Annual seasonal vaccine
TUBERCULOSIS	- TB screening test completed within 12 months of matriculation 2 Tuberculin Skin Tests at least 1-3 weeks apart, the 2nd done within 12 months of matriculation - OR Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) blood test such as a QuantiFERON or T-SPOT - If you have ever had a positive TB screening test: - Initial clinical evaluation including chest X-ray performed within the last year OR documentation of completed approved treatment regimen - If you were diagnosed with latent TB infection and do not complete an approved treatment regimen, an annual TB clearance questionnaire must be completed yearly while at CU Anschutz

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q: Who do I (a student) contact with a question on my requirements or the exemption process?

A: Your school administrator

Q: How do I (a student) contact Complio with questions or concerns?

A: Students may contact Complio's Student Success team at 1-800-200-0853 from 7am-6pm MT (M-F) and 8:30am-4pm (Sat.) to speak with an agent. Students may also initiate a live text chat by clicking the "Chat With An Expert" button when logged into Complio. For Drug Screening-related issues, students may email ds@disahealthcare.com. For all other questions or concerns, email complio@disahealthcare.com.

Q: What do I do if I can't find my immunization records?

A: There are several places you may look for immunization records:

- Primary care provider office and the office you visited as a child
- Primary school and/or college student health office
- Military or immigration paperwork
- [Colorado Immunization Information System \(CIIS\) Public Portal](#), or a similar portal from the state where you were born or received vaccines

Q: I have been vaccinated as a child, but I no longer have access to the documentation. Can I submit titers for all of these vaccinations?

A: For MMR and Varicella, a titer is acceptable; Hepatitis B requires both evidence of the full vaccine series as well as a positive titer in order to ensure long lasting immunity. Other requirements will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Q: When do I get a titer after my vaccines?

A: Titers need to be drawn at least 4 weeks after the final dose of any vaccine series to be accurate (but there is no limit after the 4-week mark).

Q: Where can I go to get necessary vaccines or titers?

A: [Campus Community Health](#), CVS, Walgreens, primary care provider, local health department

Q: What is the cost associated with obtaining missing vaccines or titers?

A: Preventative vaccines should be covered by your insurance, as mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Titers may require an out of pocket cost. Please check with your insurance provider to verify your plan's coverage and requirements.

Q: How do I request a religious exemption?

A: To request a religious exemption, complete [this form](#).

Q: How do I request a medical exemption?

A: To request a medical exemption, submit a completed Medical Exemption Provider Form in Complio.

Q: What is the difference between an exception and a medical exemption?

A: An **exception** may apply when you are unable to meet or document an immunization requirement through the standard process due to a unique circumstance, such as difficulty accessing records, documentation issues, or program-specific circumstances. A **medical exemption** applies when you are unable to receive a required vaccine because of a medical contraindication and requires documentation from your healthcare provider. If you are unsure which applies to your situation, contact your school/program administrator for guidance.

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND PERTUSSIS REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Q: I can't remember my last Tdap dose and am unable to find documentation of it. Is it safe to get another booster, even if it may have been less than 10 years?

A: It is safe to receive the Tdap vaccine if you do not remember whether you have received it previously, regardless of the interval of time since last vaccine. Current US guidelines and safety data support administration of Tdap in individuals with uncertain or unknown vaccination history, with no increased risk of adverse events.

HEPATITIS B REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Q: Why are 2 or 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine needed?

A: Most people have had a 3-dose series of Hepatitis B, and all 3 doses would be needed for full immunity. However, a 2-dose series called Heplisav became commercially available in 2018. If you received your Hepatitis B vaccine series after 2018, you may only need 2 vaccines, depending on the vaccine given.

Q: Is a Hepatitis B titer required for everyone?

A: Yes, a Hepatitis B titer is required for everyone, regardless of documentation of a completed 2-dose series or 3-dose series. Immunity to Hepatitis B may wane with time after vaccination if a full series is not completed. A percentage of people will also not respond to the initial vaccine series. A titer is drawn to ensure you have immunity to Hepatitis B from your initial vaccine series and determine if an additional dose is necessary.

Q: Why do I need proof of a Hepatitis B vaccine series if I have a positive titer?

A: It is important to show proof of both a full Hepatitis B vaccine series (2 or 3 dose series) as well as a positive titer. A person may have an initial positive titer even if they have not had a full Hepatitis B vaccine series. Without a full Hepatitis B vaccine series, there is a higher chance that the immunity will wane over time, giving false security that they have immunity. The only way to ensure that the vaccine was effective as well as confer long lasting immunity to Hepatitis B is to provide documentation of both the full vaccine series as well as a positive titer.

Q: What do I do if my Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer comes back negative, even though I have documentation of completing a Hepatitis B vaccine series?

A: If your Hepatitis B titer is negative even though you have documentation of completing a Hepatitis B vaccine series, you will need to get an additional dose of Hepatitis B vaccine. A repeat titer can be done >4 weeks later. If this titer returns positive, as long as you have documentation of completing a full series of Hepatitis B vaccine, you will then be considered to have immunity to Hepatitis B and be compliant with the vaccine policy. However, if the titer remains negative, you will need to complete the Hepatitis B repeat vaccine series (either 1 or 2 more doses depending on which vaccine you started the repeat series with). A repeat Hepatitis B titer should then be done >4 weeks after the last dose. If the titer is now positive, you would be considered to have immunity and compliant. If, however, the final Hepatitis B titer is still negative after 2 complete series of Hepatitis B vaccine, you would be considered a "non-responder" and an exception may be granted.

VARICELLA REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Q: Is documentation of history of Varicella/chicken pox illness in the past sufficient?

A: No, you will need a titer for Varicella drawn to confirm immunity or proof of 2 Varicella vaccinations in the past.

POLIO REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Q: What if I can't find full documentation of Polio vaccination?

A: The vaccine series can be started over for a 3 dose adult series or completion of the remaining vaccines to fulfill the requirements. If you feel that you have had the Polio vaccine series in the past but are unable to find documentation of the full series, Polio titers may be drawn. In certain circumstances, a one-time booster of Polio vaccine or completion of the series may be advised.

INFLUENZA REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Q: What do I do if it is after May and I don't have documentation of my flu vaccine from last season, or I did not get a flu vaccine last season?

A: Typically, the flu vaccine stops being provided in the community by May given rates of flu drop after this time. You should get a flu vaccine as soon as they become available in the fall (typically late August/September) to become compliant.

TUBERCULOSIS REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Q: Why is IGRA testing (blood testing) preferred for people who have had a BCG vaccine (Tuberculosis vaccine) previously?

A: The Tuberculosis Skin Test can give false positive results in those who have had previous BCG vaccination. Prior vaccination does not affect the results of Tuberculosis blood testing.

Q: Why are 2 TST (Tuberculosis Skin Tests) required, 1-3 weeks apart?

A: The first skin test may stimulate a waned immune response to Tuberculosis, resulting in an initial negative test, but a positive test will occur when repeated 1-3 weeks later. This provides more accurate testing results. The other option is to provide IGRA (blood testing) results instead of skin testing.

Q: What do I do if my Tuberculosis screening test is positive or has been positive in the past?

A: You will need to see your primary care provider, an infectious disease specialist or a TB clinic for a clinical evaluation and have a chest X-ray completed. These documents will need to be uploaded to Complio. This will help to identify if you may have latent TB or active TB and if you need treatment.

- If you complete an approved treatment regimen, proof of this will be needed from your provider.
- If it is determined that you have latent TB and you elect not to complete the approved treatment regimen, you will need to submit a completed Annual Tuberculosis Clearance Questionnaire to Complio. If there are other questions or unique circumstances, a provider can review further and advise appropriately.

