

Immunization Requirements for University System of Georgia Students

Proof of Immunization or Naturally-Acquired Immunity Required for Some or All Students			
Vaccine	Requirement	Required for:	Notes
Measles (Rubeola)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 style="text-align: center;">or - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity 	Students born in 1957 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vaccinations received between 1963 – 1967 must be confirmed to have been with live (not inactivated) vaccine. 2) Due to a theoretical risk of fetal infection, women who are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant within 1 month should not receive this vaccine. 3) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence^{2,4}. 4) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.
Mumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 style="text-align: center;">or - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity 	Students born in 1957 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Due to a theoretical risk of fetal infection, women who are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant within 1 month should not receive this vaccine. 2) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence^{2,4}. 3) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.
Rubella (German Measles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 dose at 12 months of age or later (MMR meets this requirement), <li style="text-align: center;">or - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity 	Students born in 1957 or later <i>(Because rubella can occur in some persons born before 1957 and because congenital rubella syndrome can occur in the offspring of women infected with rubella during pregnancy, women born prior to 1957 who may become pregnant are strongly encouraged to ensure that they are immune to rubella)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Due to a theoretical risk of fetal infection, women who are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant within 1 month should not receive this vaccine. 2) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence^{2,4}.

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Varicella (Chicken Pox)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 doses spaced at least 3 months apart if both doses are given before the student's 13th birthday, or - 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart, If first dose given after the student's 13th birthday: or - Reliable history of varicella disease ("chicken pox"), or - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity or - History of herpes zoster (shingles) 	<p>All <u>U.S born</u> students born in 1980 or later</p> <p>All foreign born students regardless of year born</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Due to a theoretical risk of fetal infection, women who are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant within 1 month should not receive this vaccine. 2) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence^{2,4}. 3) For students born before 1966, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.
Tetanus, Diphtheria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One tetanus/diphtheria containing booster 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 strongly advised to complete a 3-dose primary series).</i> 	All students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 dose hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 4-6 months), or - 3 dose combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 6-12 months), or - 2 dose hepatitis B series of Recombivax™ (0 and 4-6 months, given at 11-15 years of age), or - Laboratory / serologic evidence of immunity or prior infection 	<p>Required for all students who will be 18 years of age or less at matriculation.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended 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.