

FAQs: Immunizations/TB Clearance Requirements

Q: How do I get a record of the required immunizations?

A: Contact your doctor's office, or you may be able to access your electronic medical record or other immunization record. It is essential that you get all the required information, have any blood tests or any vaccines you require BEFORE you submit your immunization record or download it from the student website. **UC Davis has an [Immunization form](#) on the Student website. You can take this form to your doctor and have them complete the form. Once completed the form, can be uploaded using health- e messaging.**

Q: How does UC determine which vaccines and screening to require?

A: The UC is following the recommendations of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch for Colleges and Universities found on the website at <http://www.shotsforschool.org/college/>. The current requirements reflect those in place on February 24, 2016. However, UC reserves the right to modify these requirements pending revisions to the recommendations by CDPH. Changes in CDPH's recommendations will be incorporated into the requirements affecting the incoming fall class each year.

In general, these requirements pertain to those vaccine-preventable illnesses that can be spread by respiratory secretions (saliva, coughing, sneezing), and pose a risk to others who might become ill due to classroom or residential contact. These include, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (Chickenpox), and meningitis, as well as screening for tuberculosis.

Q: Why is the UC implementing this policy?

A: There has been an increase in outbreaks of vaccine-preventable illnesses over the past five to ten years, and now many illnesses which we thought were disappearing are returning. Although many of these diseases are considered "mild", they can cause serious illness and death. Pertussis was responsible for hospital stays for hundreds of people in California during the past two years, including intensive care admissions and in a few cases, death. Recent outbreaks of measles also

resulted in hospitalizations, and new cases of mumps across the country threaten the health and fertility of non-immune students.

Q: I/my family have concerns regarding the safety of vaccines and have chosen not to be vaccinated. Will I be prevented from attending classes at UC if I do not obtain the required vaccines?

A: During the initial phases of the Immunization Plan implementation, no registration holds will be placed. However, beginning fall of 2018, students who have not provided evidence of the required vaccinations will not be able to complete their final registration unless they have [Medical Exemption Request](#).

Q: I had an allergic reaction to a vaccination. Am I still required to be vaccinated to enter UC?

A: It is very important that the doctor/nurse practitioner/physician assistant who cared for you at that time, document what happened to you when you had the problem with vaccination. If you had a true “allergic reaction”, then we will need to know which vaccination caused the problem, and whether you were able to become immune to that illness. You will need to complete a [Medical Exemption Request](#), and submit to your campus health center. If they deny your request for an exemption, you have a right to appeal their decision by a UC wide panel. Read more about the [Medical Exemption Policy](#).

Q: Is there a process to request a personal/religious belief exemption from the UC Immunization Plan?

A: Only a medical exemption will be allowed.

Q. When must I submit my online Immunization Record/TB screening?

A: You can access your UCD electronic medical record through Health-E-Message on the SHCS website. You must enter your vaccine immunization information into your immunization record by prior to registering for classes. There will a hold on in place until you are compliant.

Q: What does the TB clearance process look like?

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1. The 1st step in this requirement is to complete a Tuberculosis screening Questionnaire via [Health-e-Messaging website](#).
2. If your TB Screening Questionnaire shows you are negative for TB risk you should expect to receive a HeM within 24hrs of your compliance status.
3. If your TB Screening Questionnaire shows you are positive for TB risk, you will need to have testing done and submit the [TB Health Assessment form](#) in order to register for classes.
4. Carefully read and follow the instructions attached to the TB assessment form.
5. Confirmation of receipt of your document is not possible.
6. Once you have uploaded the TB Health Assessment form and any required documentation, our staff will review your records and notify you by [Health-e-Messaging website](#) of your compliance status. Please allow 7-10 business days for processing.

Q: I was asked to complete a Tuberculosis Health Assessment Form but have lost the form?

- A. You can click the link [Tuberculosis Health Assessment Form](#) or go to [Health-e-Messaging website](#).