

### Immunization Requirements

To ensure compliance with clinical agency requirements all students of the Marshall University School of Nursing are required to present proof of vaccination or immunity to the diseases identified below. Instructions on when and how to provide this information will be sent to students upon admission to the program (MSN, RN to BSN students) or prior to beginning the sophomore year (pre-licensure BSN students).

1. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella: Need proof of MMR vaccine X 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart or titer showing immunity.
  - o If you were born before January 1st, 1957 you can select the waiver option and supply proof documents including your name and date of birth. Clinical sites are under no obligation to accept a waiver. See note on following page about waiver option.
2. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis: Need proof of Tdap vaccinations, Td booster every 10 years thereafter.
3. Varicella (chicken pox): Need to provide proof of immunity by one of the following :
  - a. Documentation of two doses of varicella vaccine
  - b. Titer showing immunity
  - c. Documented diagnosis of chickenpox or verification of history of chickenpox by your health care provider.
4. TST (TB Skin Test): Students must provide documentation of one-time 2-Step TB Test (or blood assay testing), then annual TB testing and testing post exposure. Students with history of positive TB testing should follow directions **bolded below**.

#### 2-step TB Test

The 2-step TB Skin Test is performed in two stages. It can be done over a two –three week period. This 2-step test must be performed even if you have had annual screening in the past. But if you have previously completed a 2-step TB test in the past you need only supply supporting documentation, you do not need to do 2-step again.

The first test is administered and read. If the results are negative, the student proceeds to the second step. (See note below if first step is positive.\*)

The second step is to be performed between one to three weeks after the first test. (See note below if second step is positive.\*)

**\* At any point in the above testing if the student has a positive TB skin test, or if the student has been previously diagnosed with TB and/or routinely tests positive to the TB skin test, the student must provide documentation of a clear chest X ray and be**

**evaluated annually by their Primary Care Provider or Health Department for signs/symptoms of TB (form available on the School of Nursing website).**

### **Blood assay testing for TB**

Students who have received the BCG immunization, or who have an allergy to any component of the TST, are to utilize one of the blood assays for *M. Tuberculosis* and provide results annually. Additionally, students may use the blood assay testing as an alternative to 2-Step TST outlined above. Currently there are 2 blood assay tests for TB: the QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube Test or T-Spot.TB Test. Either may be used.

**In the case of positive blood assays, the student must provide documentation of a clear chest X ray and be evaluated annually by their Primary Care Provider or Health Department for signs/symptoms of TB (form available on the School of Nursing website).**

5. Hepatitis B Vaccine: a series of 3 shots is required, titer showing immunity, or student is to sign waiver. If the series is not completed at the time this information is submitted, it is the student's responsibility to see that this information is submitted as soon as possible and the student must sign Hepatitis B waiver in the meantime.
6. Influenza vaccine: Clinical sites may require students have the influenza vaccine and/or submit a flu declination form during the flu season, usually October through March. Students will be notified of these requirements as necessary.

Students that have a medical exemption, such as pregnancy, must select the waiver option and supply a support document signed by a healthcare provider detailing the exemption. The support document must include healthcare provider signature, date, address and phone number.

**Clinical sites are under no obligation to accept a waiver of immunization and may refuse placement to students submitting an immunization waiver for any reason. If a student elects to waive this requirement, they may be disqualified from some or all clinical sites and potentially unable to complete the program.**

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