



Medical Student Immunization Record Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I just submit copies of my vaccines instead of completing the Immunization Record?

A: The Immunization Record is a required document. Please make certain that you submit the form specifically for Medical Students. This form must be completed and signed by a licensed healthcare provider and submitted to your MyStudent Wellness Portal by July 1, 2026.

Q: Why isn't my immunization history sufficient for proof of immunity?

A: The University of Chicago adheres to the guidelines of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) and, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention for healthcare workers and the requirements of the State of Illinois. Proof of immunity must be verified via blood titers for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella and Hepatitis B. Immunity for Tetanus and Pertussis are verifiable by three doses of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Q: If I need blood titers, why should I submit my immunization history?

A: Immunization dates are important in the event that your blood titers are negative. Each required titer has a specific number of doses needed to complete a series. For example, Illinois requires the following: two doses of MMR. It is also important to note that the first dose of MMR is not given before 12 months of age (your first birthday). If a titer is negative for any of the required immunizations, specific guidelines are available for attempting to boost one's immunity. In most cases, an additional dose of the vaccine will be administered, and the titer rechecked after 30 days, if it is not medically contraindicated.

Q: What if I had the Varicella infection (chickenpox) as a child?

A: In most cases, your titer will prove immunity if you had the infection in the past. Otherwise, you will be required to complete a two-dose series for Varicella.

Q: I started the Hepatitis B series but never completed it. Do I need to start the series over?

A: Generally, we don't restart the series. The most common approach would be to give the missing dose, wait 30 days, then have a Hepatitis B Surface Antibody rechecked.

Q: I had TB test last year (QuantiFERON or two-step skin/aka PPD tests). Do I need another one?

A: Yes. Your TB test must be from June 2026 or later. We recommend QuantiFERON.

Q: What if I have had a positive PPD in the past?

A: If you have had a positive reaction, your healthcare provider must provide documentation of the reaction size, followed by a Chest X-ray or QuantiFERON Gold/T-spot testing. Any reaction greater than 10mm requires additional testing for healthcare workers. Please attach a copy of the Chest X-ray or QuantiFERON Gold/T-spot testing results to your health form. Also note that receiving the BCG vaccine does not always present a positive reaction. Therefore, a Chest X-ray or QuantiFERON Gold/T-spot testing is necessary for a positive PPD reaction.

Q: Why does the University of Chicago require so much proof of immunization?

A: All medical colleges require the same. It is our intent to maintain healthcare and provide knowledge of communicable diseases within the profession you have chosen. It is important in healthcare to *KNOW YOUR STATUS*.

Deadline to Submit Proof of Immunizations: July 1, 2026

*Questions about the required Immunizations?
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