

# Immunization Requirements FAQs

## 1. Document Submission

### **Am I required to upload my documents?**

Yes, it is a requirement to upload your immunization records in the patient portal in the medical clearance section under “immunization records” for verification of your dates.

### **Can I mail/email or bring in my records in person for submission?**

No. For privacy and protection of your personal health information we only accept records uploaded in your patient portal. You will need to log in the patient portal and upload your immunization records in the medical clearance section.

### **How can I make a change to the records I submitted?**

Yes. Log in to your patient portal and correct the information.

### **I have additional documents I want to upload where can I upload them?**

Log in to your patient portal, under medical clearance upload in the “immunization record.”

### **My records are in another language do I need to translate them?**

Yes. Documents should be translated into English and the original and translated documents uploaded into the patient portal. Students are able to translate their own documents.

### **What if I do not have my immunization records?**

You can contact your previous high school/college, medical providers or your parents for your records. If these options are not available to you, you will need to receive your vaccinations again. MMR and Varicella have the options for titers as proof of immunity. Tdap and Meningococcal vaccination is required. \*Meningococcal vaccine is applicable to students between the ages of 16-21.

### **Where can I check if I have met the Immunization requirements?**

Log into your patient portal, on the home page click on the option “Immunization Record.” Each immunization will show a “Compliant” in green or “Non-compliant” in red.

### **When are immunization and TB screening/clearance due?**

All immunizations and TB screening/clearance is due prior to arriving on campus. Students who do not submit their immunizations may experience academic holds and will not be permitted to register for their next quarter classes.

### **Can I have an extension on completing my immunization requirements?**

Students are expected to complete their immunization requirements before attending UCR. UCR Student Health Services offers immunizations and TB clearance testing. You can call 951-827-3031 to schedule an appointment and ask about fees for the appointment. Please note USHIP (UCR school medical insurance) will NOT cover your immunizations if you are not eligible. Please go to <https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/student-health-insurance-plan-ship> for information on USHIP and coverage dates.

### **Will I get a confirmation that my records have been received or reviewed?**

Secure Messages are sent in the patient portal to students who are still missing vaccinations or TB clearance.

You are able to check your own compliance by logging into the patient portal and selecting the option "Immunization Record." If you see you are non-compliant and have not received a message regarding your immunization compliance, your record may not have been reviewed yet.

## **2. Exemptions**

### **Can I request a personal or religious belief exemption?**

No, only medical exemptions are permitted. Students with medical conditions that are contraindicated to MMR, Varicella, Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines may submit a medical exemption request form that was completed and signed by a licensed treating medical provider.

### **Do I need to comply with the immunization requirements although I was an undergraduate at UCR and now entering into graduate school?**

Yes, all incoming students must comply, even if you previously attended UCR.

### **Are there any exempt programs/majors?**

The following are the only programs exempted from mandatory immunization compliance:

- OENR- Engineering
- CWCR- Creative Wrt & Wrt: Pef Art-PD/LR

### **How do I submit my medical exemption request?**

Print the medical exemption request form and take it to your medical provider for review.

Once the form is completed, log into the patient portal and choose the "Immunization/TB upload" option. You can upload your medical exemptions here.

Medical exemption requests are approved by the Medical Director and clearance is completed manually by the immunization nurse. You will need to check your online immunization record to see if you have been approved.

You will receive a secure message in the patient portal if you have not been approved.

### **3. Immunizations: MMR, Varicella, Tdap and Meningococcal**

#### **MMR**

##### **What if I received individual doses of Measles, Mumps or Rubella?**

This is sufficient as long as you have received each AFTER your first birthday and TWO doses of each at least one month apart.

##### **I received the first dose of MMR before my first birthday, what should I do?**

You can either receive titers as proof of immunity or receive an additional dose.

#### **Varicella**

##### **I received the first dose of Varicella before my first birthday, what should I do?**

You can either receive titers as proof of immunity or receive an additional dose.

##### **If I had the chicken pox disease does that clear me for the Varicella requirement?**

You will need to have titers completed as proof of immunity for Varicella. History of the disease is not sufficient.

#### **Tdap**

##### **I received Td/DTap/DTP does this satisfy the requirement?**

No, you will need to receive Tdap on or after the age of 7.

##### **Do you allow titers for Tdap?**

We are not accepting titers, only the vaccine given on or after the age of 7.

##### **I received Tdap before my seventh birthday, does this count?**

No, you will need to receive an additional dose of Tdap to satisfy the requirement.

#### **Meningococcal – Students between the ages of 16-21 years of age**

##### **I received Meningococcal B, Trumenba or Bexsero, does this satisfy the requirement?**

No, you must receive Meningococcal ACYW, also known as Menactra or Menveo to satisfy this requirement. This applies for students between the ages of 16-21.

##### **Do you allow titers for Meningococcal?**

We are not accepting titers, only the vaccine given on or after the age of 16.

##### **I received the Meningococcal vaccine before my sixteenth birthday, does this count?**

No, you will need to receive an additional dose of the Meningococcal vaccine to satisfy the requirement.

## 4. Tuberculosis Testing

### Is the TB Screening Questionnaire required?

Yes, you are required to answer the TB screening questionnaire in the patient portal. When you have completed the TB screening form, you need to check the “Immunization record” in the patient portal to see if a TB test is required of you.

### I think I made an error on my TB Risk Screening Questionnaire?

You will need to call 951-827-3031 and follow the prompts to speak with the immunization nurse.

### I completed a TB test/ chest x-ray previously does this satisfy the requirement?

All TB tests and chest x-rays must be completed within 12 months when submitted. If your test is older than 12 months you will need to complete another test.

### What if I had the BCG vaccine?

You will need to submit a T-SPOT or QuantiFERON-TB Gold test to meet the requirement. Tests must be completed within 12 months when submitted. Please follow the instructions for section B on the TB clearance form for prior history of BCG.

### What if I had a prior positive TB test?

You will need to submit a chest x-ray and have section 3 of the TB clearance form filled out by your medical provider. If you have had prior treatment for TB please submit your treatment documentation. If you had a recent positive test, and do not wish to have treatment, your medical provider must sign the statement on section 3 regarding your declination of treatment.

### Where can I check if I am compliant for the TB requirements/ if TB testing is required?

**To check if your TB test has been verified:** You will need to be logged into the patient portal and click on the option “Immunization Record.” Tuberculosis testing will be indicated by a “Compliant” in green or “Non-compliant” in red. These are reviewed manually, please allow time for these to be reviewed.

### **To check if TB testing is required, you must have completed the TB screening**

**questionnaire:** You will need to be logged into the patient portal and on the home page click on the option “Immunization Record.” Tuberculosis testing and/or Chest x-ray will be on your record and TB testing will be required of you.

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The UC Immunization Policy requires Incoming Students to obtain the vaccinations and screening recommended for colleges and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for those diseases that can be passed on to others by respiratory transmission.

**Due October 1, 2020: All incoming UC students are REQUIRED to:**

- Obtain the Vaccines Listed Below
- Undergo Tuberculosis Risk Screening, and
- Upload Your Records to the Patient Portal.

Required Vaccination	Proof of Immunization
<a href="#">Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)</a>	2 doses; first dose on or after age one - OR - Titer (blood test) showing immunity.
<a href="#">Varicella (Chickenpox)</a> <small>History of Chickenpox does not satisfy the requirement.</small>	2 doses; first dose on or after age one -OR - Titer (blood test) showing immunity.

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