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## Immunizations & Screening Requirements

### Announcements

- » If you have an IMMUNIZATION HOLD, please read this page carefully!
- » Obtaining proof of immunizations may be a time-consuming process, so start NOW! Do not delay!

### How to Submit Your Immunization Documents

*University policy and Massachusetts Immunization Laws 105 CMR 220.00 and 105 CMR 220.600 require all full-time undergraduate and graduate students under 30 years of age\*\* and all full-time and part-time Health Science and International Students (including Visiting Scholars and Foreign Exchange Students) to be immunized. However, we recommend all students be immunized in order to prevent outbreaks. Students must provide proof of immunization compliance before the start of classes. Failure to submit proof of immunizations will result in an academic hold.*

*\*\*9 credits or more = full-time undergraduate; 6 credits or more = full-time graduate*

*College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) students will have additional requirements and not all exemptions apply.*

*Residential students are required to satisfy all screening and immunization requirements regardless of age or credits prior to moving in.*

## **Immunizations and Screenings Required For ALL Students (regardless of age or credits):**

- » **COVID-19 Primary Series** – As of Fall 2021, the University requires anyone coming in-person on campus to be fully vaccinated prior to the beginning of each semester. For more information, please read more [here](#).
- » **Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Questionnaire:** All UMass Boston students are required to complete the web-based questionnaire by logging on the MyHealthBeacon Portal. For instructions on accessing the form, read more [here](#).

## **Immunizations Required for Full-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Students (under age 30), International Students, Health Sciences Students, and/or Visiting Scholars**

*The requirements below are in addition to the all-student requirements listed above.*

### **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMRII)**

- » Two (2) doses
  - » The first dose must be administered after the first birthday
  - » A minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) between the 1st and 2nd dose is required
- or-
- » Serologic (blood test) evidence of immunity
  - » An official copy of the lab report must be submitted.

- » Submissions that do not include a copy of the lab report will not be processed

*Students born in the U.S. before 1957 are exempt and considered immune (exemption does not apply to CNHS students).*

### **Hepatitis B**

- » Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B or Hep A & B combined
  - » Minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) between first and second doses
  - » Minimum of 6 months between first and third doses
- or-
- » Two (2) doses of HEPISLAV-B
  - » Minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) between doses
  - » Must be at least 18 years old
- or-
- » Serologic (blood test) evidence of immunity
  - » An official copy of the lab report must be submitted.
  - » Submissions that do not include a copy of the lab report will not be processed.

### **Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis (Tdap)**

- » One (1) dose
  - » Must be administered after age 7 and no earlier than June 2005

### **Tetanus & Diphtheria (Td)**

- » One (1) booster dose required every 10 years after an age-appropriate dose of a Tdap vaccine

### **Varicella (VZV)**

- » Two (2) doses
  - » The first dose must be administered after the first birthday
  - » A minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) between the 1st and 2nd is required

**-or-**

- » Serologic (blood test) evidence of immunity
  - » An official copy of the lab report must be submitted.
  - » Submissions that do not include a copy of the lab report will not be processed.

**-or-**

- » Official letter from licensed healthcare provider indicating the age of chickenpox illness
- » *Students born in the U.S. before 1957 are exempt and considered immune (exemption does not apply to CNHS students).*

### **Meningococcal Conjugate: MenACWY (MCV4)**

*Required for all full-time students under 21 years of age **and** all students living on-campus in the dorms.*

- » One (1) dose
  - » Must be administered after the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

## **Highly Recommended Immunizations**

**Influenza (Flu):** One dose is recommended annually for all college students. CNHS students are required to have the influenza vaccine annually.

**Meningococcal Serotype B (Men B):** Men B vaccine series may be administered to adolescents and young adults aged 16–23 years to provide short-term protection against most strains of serogroup B meningococcal disease.

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) and is so common that nearly all sexually active men and women get it at some point in their lives. There are many different types of HPV. Some types can cause health problems, such as genital warts and cancers. The HPV vaccine is safe, effective, and can protect males and females against diseases (including cancers) caused by the Human Papillomavirus.

**COVID-19 Booster:** UMass Boston **strongly recommends** all students receive a booster dose, when eligible. Individuals who completed a 2-dose COVID-19 primary series are eligible for a

booster dose 5 months from the date of the second primary dose. Individuals who received a primary dose of the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster dose 2 months from the date of the single primary dose. Please visit the CDC's official COVID-19 Vaccine page for current updates and booster dose guidance for WHO-approved vaccines. Click [here](#) to view the CDC's website.

*All required and recommended immunizations can be obtained off-campus by a provider of choice or at University Health Services.*

## Exemptions from Requirements

Students can request a **medical exemption** or **religious exemption** to any of the required immunizations.

### *To request a medical exemption:*

- » Download the **Medical Immunization Exemption Form** and have your healthcare provider complete and sign the form.
- » Submit the signed form through your **My Health Beacon portal**.
- » If you have immunization records, please submit records for review. These records can be included with your medical exemption submission.
- » If your medical exemption form is verified, your immunization status will be updated to reflect your medical exemption.

### *To request a religious exemption:*

- » Provide a request in writing (from a clergy member or the student) that states what religious belief the immunization would conflict with. Please include which required vaccine(s) you are requesting an exemption for.
- » Submit your religious exemption by emailing it to **immunizations@umb.edu**. In the subject field, type **"Religious Exemption Request"** and attach a picture or file of your exemption document. Ensure the document is legible and in English.

*Please note that submitting documents for a religious exemption does not imply exemption. Your request will be reviewed by a committee, and*

*you will be notified of the status of your request. Further guidance may be ongoing from the UMass system regarding religious exemptions. Fall 2022 Religious Exemptions will be due August 19, 2022.*

## Immunization Clinic

	Open	Close
<b>Monday</b>	9 AM	3 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM	3 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 AM	3 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM	3 PM

**Phone:** 617.287.5661

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**Location:** Quinn Admin Bldg,  
2nd floor

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