



Health Promotion Services

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Student Health Immunization Requirement Policy

To prevent illness and protect the health of everyone, USF requires specific populations of students to be immunized.

Required Immunizations

USF has different requirements for domestic undergraduate, domestic graduate, and international students. Students (including branch campus students) are required to submit immunization records online through the [HPS Immunization Form](#).

Population	Requirement	Exclusion
ALL Undergraduate (Domestic) students	MMR (2 doses, one month apart), Hepatitis B vaccine or test showing immunity for all students 18 years of age or younger.	Students born before January 1, 1957
Graduate (Domestic) students who live in USF-operated housing	MMR (2 doses, one month apart)	Students born before January 1, 1957
ALL International Students	MMR (2 doses, one month apart), PPD (Mantoux) test in the last 12 months (students with a positive PPD are required to submit a chest x-ray administered within the last 12 months), and Hepatitis B vaccine or test showing immunity	None

All students are strongly encouraged to get their immunizations before coming to campus. If you are unable to obtain records from a medical establishment, we will accept official records from your high school or previous college.

For more information on the required immunizations, download the CDC Vaccine Information Sheets:

- [Measles, Mumps & Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccines](#)
- [Tuberculosis: General Information](#)
- [Tuberculin Skin Testing](#)
- [Hepatitis B](#)

For Nursing Students:

Nursing students have supplementary immunizations required by clinical sites, so are therefore expected to submit their immunization records to the School of Nursing and Health Professions, NOT Health Promotion Services. For more information on the School of Nursing and Health Professions immunization requirements, please visit <https://myusf.usfca.edu/nursing/health-requirements>.

Deadlines

The deadline to submit proof of required immunizations depends on your term of admission:

- Fall Semester: August 15 at 5pm
- Spring Semester: January 15 at 5pm

Failure to submit proof of immunizations by the appropriate deadline will result in a \$100 fine, and may also result in a registration hold on your student account.

Please Note: Students planning to reside in USF-operated housing must submit all required immunization records prior to moving in. Residential students, who do not submit their immunization before their move-in day, will have limited access to their residence hall. In addition, residential students are highly recommended to get the Meningococcal B vaccine.

Evidence of Immunization

Proof of immunization must be obtained from a licensed medical professional if using the USF Immunization Form. Records, such as the immunization yellow card or high school transcript showing immunizations, are also accepted. Please submit the proof of immunization to Health Promotion Services online at <https://myusf.usfca.edu/student-health-safety/hps/immunization> or by fax at (888) 471-2290).

Exceptions

On June 30, 2015, Governor Brown signed the SB 277 Bill stating that personal and religious belief exemptions for immunizations will not be allowed in California, effective July 1, 2016. For more information, please read the statute here: [SB 277](#)

The only exception to the immunization requirement will be the following:

Conflict with medical condition. Student must provide documentation from a licensed medical professional that the immunization should not be given due to a medical condition.

Recommended Immunizations

Your health, well-being, and safety is our concern. Based on recommendations from the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [American College Health Association](#), USF Health Promotion Services strongly encourages students to be vaccinated for the following:

Disease	Recommendation
Hepatitis A	Recommended for individuals traveling to countries with a high prevalence of Hepatitis A. This includes Central American, South America, Asia (except Japan), Africa, and Eastern Europe
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	Approved for males and females age 9-26 years old
Meningococcal Disease (Meningitis)	Many college students may have already been vaccinated against four types of Meningococcal disease (A, C, W, Y). It is important to understand that the Meningococcal B vaccine was only recently approved by the FDA in 2014, and is the cause of the latest infections on college campuses. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students moving in to the residence halls be vaccinated with the Meningococcal B Vaccine.
Tetanus	A booster shot is needed once every ten years
Polio	Recommended for individuals traveling to regions where polio is common. This includes some but not all of the countries in Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Anyone who has never had the disease or been immunized against it should receive this vaccination

Additional Readings are CDC Vaccine Information Statements

[Download PDF: Hepatitis A](#)

[Download PDF: Genital HPV: The Facts](#)

[Download PDF: Meningococcal Vaccines](#)

[Download PDF: Tetanus, Diphtheria Pertussi \(Tdap\) Vaccine](#)
[Download PDF: Tetanus and Diphtheria Vaccine \(Td\)](#)

[Download PDF: Polio Vaccine](#)

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