

Learners in health professional programs must meet the Faculty of Health Sciences health screening requirements as part of the non-academic requirements for their program. Personal health information provided is protected and is being collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Ontario (RSO 1990). This information will be held in strict confidence within the Faculty of Health Sciences Health Screening Office and only disclosed as needed with the consent of the student.

**The following requirements must be documented:**

Note: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Hepatitis B vaccines may be in process at program start (as much as possible must be completed). All other requirements (except influenza) must be fully completed prior to program start for clearance.

**Tuberculosis (TB):** Tuberculin skin testing (TST)

ONE of the following prior to program start:

1. Baseline two-step TST (two separate tests given between 7 days and 12 months apart, ideally 7-28 days, and read after 2-3 days). A two-step test from any time in the past is accepted and does not need to be repeated. Required if TST status unknown or undocumented, regardless of history of BCG vaccination. **TST must be given either before (can be the same day) or at least 28 days after a live vaccine (MMR, Varicella).**
  - \* AND if last TST negative: TST dated after March 1st this year.
2. OR, positive TST (date and mm induration MUST be documented) or other positive TB history (blistering TST reaction, positive IGRA serology, previous treatment for TB). If new TST positive, a medical assessment should be performed under the direction of a physician; in the absence of active TB disease, a referral should be considered for assessment and treatment of latent TB infection. NOTE: BCG vaccination is unlikely to be the reason for a positive test if the vaccine was given before age 12 months.
  - \* AND a chest x-ray dated subsequent to the positive TST or other positive TB history.
  - \* AND HCP to verify student does not have symptoms of active TB disease on the Year One form.

AND after program start: Post-exposure TST during the program if required and annual TB risk assessment.

**Pertussis:** One Tdap vaccine (tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis) AGE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

MANDATORY for health care workers/learners, even if not due for a booster; interval from last tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine does not matter (can be the same day). If student is currently age 16-17 years, a Tdap booster will be required after the 18th birthday.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio:** Complete vaccination series (minimum 3 doses)

Minimum one month between the first two doses; minimum 6 months between the last two doses in a series. Tdap vaccine above counts as one tetanus-diphtheria dose.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** Two measles vaccines, two mumps vaccines, one rubella vaccine

Vaccines must be given age 12 months or older and spaced at least 28 days apart. Booster doses are not necessary (even if previous IgG antibody serology is negative). **IgG antibody serology is not recommended either before or after vaccination and will not be accepted.**

**Varicella:** Two vaccines OR positive IgG antibody serology

IgG antibody serology accepted only if no previous vaccines (do not repeat previous serology). Vaccines must be given age 12 months or older and spaced at least 28 days apart (ideally 2-3 months age 12 months to 12 years and 6 weeks age 13 years or older). Booster doses are not necessary. **MMR and Varicella vaccines must be given either at the same time or at least 28 days apart.**

**Hepatitis B:** Complete vaccination series AND post-immunization anti-HBs serology (Hepatitis B surface antibody)

Documented vaccination series required unless chronic Hepatitis B infection or immunity due to naturally acquired infection is documented. Either HB or HAHB vaccine may be given to start or complete a series at the age appropriate dosage and schedule. Schedules are available online [HERE](#). If starting a new series, the 3-dose schedule is preferred.

- \* AND anti-HBs serology to be tested at least 28 days after the last dose in a DOCUMENTED vaccination series (do not repeat previous positive post-immunization serology). If not immune after ONE complete series, one booster dose vaccine (HB or HAHB) plus repeat anti-HBs serology required. If not immune after TWO complete series, student is a vaccine non-responder and unlikely to benefit from further vaccines. NOTE: Positive anti-HBs serology alone is not considered proof of immunity by the Canadian Immunization Guide if documented vaccines are missing or incomplete.

**Blood Borne Viruses: \*\* Midwifery, Physician Assistant and Undergraduate Medicine programs ONLY \*\***

HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen), HIV antibody, and Hepatitis C antibody serology, dated after March 1st this year.

Report for HBsAg serology required. Student may choose to submit the reports for HIV and Hepatitis C serology or sign the verification on the Year One form AFTER reviewing the test results with a physician or nurse. NOTE: HBsAg (surface antigen) is a different test than anti-HBs (surface antibody) and is required even if anti-HBs is positive. Do not test HBsAg serology within 28 days after a Hepatitis B vaccine to avoid the possibility of a false positive result.

**Influenza:** Annual immunization with seasonal vaccine (available after program start)