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Dear Health Science Students,

Re: Mandatory Immunization Review for-Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Midwifery, Speech and Audiology, Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy, and Genetic Counselling

Congratulations on your acceptance to your Faculty of Health Sciences, what an exciting time in your life!

Although you will be a student for the next few years of your program, your **program and professional requirements and responsibility** begin now. Part of this responsibility **mandates** that your immunization status be up to date, both to ensure safety of patients and your safety from patients. Health authorities, professional colleges and associations, and your Faculty set this requirement for entry to your program and clinical practice. Your Faculty may **exclude** you from participating in your program or may have your marks withheld for failure to comply with these requirements.

To complete this process **you must:**

- 1) Locate your childhood and adult immunization records. If you do not have these records, please contact the Public Health Unit of your childhood home for copies. **If you do not bring documentation it may be necessary to complete a full adult series of vaccinations.**
- 2) Book **TWO** appointments for an Immunization Review and a TB skin test with a nurse at Student Health Services (located at M334-2211 Wesbrook Mall, phone number 604-822-7011)-one 30-minute appointment and one 15-minute, two to three days apart. SHS can administer all required vaccines and blood work.
- 3) Complete page one of the immunization review before your appointment. Bring both pages of the review and your childhood records to your appointment

You may opt to see your family physician to begin and/or complete the immunization review, but you are still required to have one 30-minute appointment with Student Health Services to ensure all requirements have been met. Please ensure that your GP or Health Unit has **signed and stamped** the immunization review for validation purposes and that you bring in all immunization documents and lab work that has been done.

Some Faculties will charge a fee of \$150.00 for the immunization review. This charge, payable to the Faculty, is a flat fee for the initial review (required vaccines) and tuberculosis screening, on-going management of vaccination updates which may be required during the course of your program, plus liaising with your Faculty regarding your immunization review.

Please keep in mind that SHS sees over 800 students for immunization reviews so book your appointment **as soon as you receive this notice**. Further, if you have missed any of the required vaccine series, it may take up to seven months to complete. If you are in the **Faculty of Medicine Island or Northern Medical Program** book now to ensure your review is complete before the end of November.

Below is a link to Vancouver Coastal Health's immunization requirements for student placements:

<http://www.vch.ca/placements/index.cfm?content=immuno.htm>

The following is a **list of requirements** for your immunization review:

Tetanus/diphtheria:

- Required - A childhood series of 5 doses (or 4 if the 4th dose is administered after your 4th birthday) or an adult series of 3 doses (at 0-1-7 months apart) **AND**
- Required - A booster within the last 10 years
- Recommended-an adult dose of Adacel which provides **pertussis** immunity (approx \$40.00) which can be given prior to the usual 10 year booster

Polio:

- Required - A childhood series of 5 doses (or 4 if the 4th dose is administered after your 4th birthday) or adult series of 3 doses (at 0-1-7 months)
- Recommended – An adult booster dose

Measles, mumps and rubella:

- Required-Two documented doses of each measles, mumps and rubella (the first dose **MUST** be after the first birthday) **OR**
- Serology proving immunity (anti-mumps IgG, anti-measles IgG, and anti-rubella IgG)

Chicken pox:

- Required-History of disease with date **OR**
- Serology proving immunity (anti-VZV IgG) **OR**
- Two doses of VZV vaccination if blood work shows lack of immunity

Hepatitis B:

- A series (childhood or adult) of three doses
- Required-A Hepatitis B surface antigen **AND**
- Required-Hepatitis B post vaccine anti-body titre value greater than 10
- If the Hep B Surface Ag is positive **OR** the Hepatitis B titre is less than 10 after a vaccine series or booster, it is mandatory to be tested for the Antibody to Hepatitis B Core (total) to determine if you have had a previous infection

Tuberculosis screening:

- Required-A one step TB skin test is required within 6 month of entry to your program
- If you have had a previous positive skin test and where repeat skin testing has not been recommended a chest x-ray will be required. We can arrange for this, but if you choose to have this done prior to your appointment at Student Health, please bring a report of this x-ray
- If you have a positive skin test (greater than 10mm) you will be referred to BC-CDC. You will be required to forward us a copy of the report of the BC-CDC recommendations

Hepatitis A (Recommended):

- This series is not required, but it is recommended

Meningitis Vaccine (Recommended):

- Your options for this vaccine can be discussed at your appointment

Please find 2 pages attached: A questionnaire which is to be filled out by you, the student before your appointment here at UBC Student Health. If you choose to have your immunization review commenced before coming to UBC Student Health, please have your health care provider complete page 2.

We look forward to seeing you here at Student Health Services in the near future-**remember the earlier you book, the earlier you complete this review!**

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