

	Immunization Policy (LCME Element 12.7 Immunization Requirements and Monitoring)	Effective Date:	August 14, 2018
		Current Date:	August 7, 2018
		Contact:	Office of Admissions
Approved By: SOM Executive Faculty		Date Approved:	August 14, 2018

1) GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

All students who have been admitted to Tulane University are required to provide proof of immunization compliance (meeting CDC and American College Health Association guidelines) prior to arriving at Tulane. The state of Louisiana and Tulane University require School of Medicine students to have proof of vaccination for: Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Varicella, Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis. Tuberculosis screening is required within one year of start date.

a) **Scope:** All students admitted to the Tulane University School of Medicine.

b) **Responsible Department/Party/Parties:**

- i. **Policy Owner:** Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
- ii. **Procedure:** Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
- iii. **Supervision:** Dean's Office

2) DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Policy, the following terms and definitions apply:

Not applicable.

3) POLICY GUIDELINES

General Requirements:

- Tulane must have evidence of a student's compliance with the state guidelines for immunizations. The student's health care provider must complete and sign Tulane's immunization form. Documentation without the required immunization form will not be accepted.
- Tulane accepts either a skin test result (PPD/tuberculin) or a blood test result (QuantiFERON-TB gold) for Tuberculosis screening. If a student has had ANY positive result(s) in the past, a copy of test result(s), AND either a Chest X-ray report or QuantiFERON-TB gold result must be provided within 30 days of start date.
- A students may be asked to make an appointment with a Tulane University health care provider for further recommendations and/or treatment.
- Lab copies of positive antibody titers are accepted as proof of immunity against MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis B.

- Failure to meet immunization requirements will result in an Enrollment Hold being placed on the student account, which will bar you from dropping or adding classes or enrolling in classes, clerkships, or rotations.
- Current Louisiana legislation mandates meningitis vaccination for persons being admitted to a postsecondary education institution for the fall 2006 semester and thereafter.
- Students requesting an exemption/waiver from immunizations for medical or religious reasons or personal beliefs must complete a Request for Exemption from Immunization form and submit to Office of Admissions and Student Affairs.

4) REVIEW/REVISION/IMPLEMENTATION

- a) Review Cycle: This policy shall be reviewed by the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs annually from the effective date.
- b) Office of Record: After authorization, the Dean’s Office (Office of Admissions and Student Affairs) shall be the office of record for this policy.

5) RELATED POLICIES

Guidelines are presented for the purpose of meeting the established recommendations for control of vaccine-preventable diseases, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the United States Public Health Service (ACIP), and the American College Health Association (ACHA).

6) GOVERNING LAW OR REGULATIONS

- [Louisiana law \(R.S. 17:170 - Schools of Higher Learning\)](#): Each person entering any school within the state for the first time, including elementary and secondary schools, kindergartens, colleges, universities, proprietary schools, vocational schools, and licensed day care centers, at the time of registration or entry shall present satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health, Louisiana Department of Health, or shall present evidence of an immunization program in progress.

7) ATTACHMENTS

- Tulane School of Medicine [Immunization Form Revised 24-APR-2017](#)
- [Request for Exemption Immunization Form 04-APR-2017](#)