

Texas County Technical College
Immunization Guidelines for Medically Related Programs
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Tuberculosis Testing

- Students must complete a **two step** tuberculosis test before attending school. The **two step** tuberculosis test requires the following steps:
 - (1) TB skin test is applied.
 - (2) 48-72 hours after applying the first skin test, the result is read and recorded.
 - (3) 1-3 weeks after the reading of the first skin test, the second TB skin test is applied.
 - (4) 48-72 hours after application of the second TB skin test, the second test is read and recorded.
 - (5) Both tests must be read.
- The date of the 2nd test becomes the anniversary date by which a student's annual one step TB test is due. If a student is late completing the next year's TB test, even by 1 day, the student must complete another two step test.
- A chest x-ray will be required if there is a history of a positive test.
- The Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) intradermal injection is the recommended method. The Tine Test will not be accepted.
- Students who have had only a single TB test done will be required to have a **two step** TB done.
- Students may have a T-Spot or Quantiferon Gold TB (blood test) done once annually in place of the two TB skin test.

Diphtheria/Tetanus Booster

- Students are required to receive a diphtheria tetanus (Td/Tdap) booster if it has been longer than 10 years since last booster.
- If a student has received a booster within the last 10 years, proof of immunization must be submitted.

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)

- Students are required to show proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Acceptable proof:
 - (1) Measles/mumps: Note signed by physician/advanced practice nurse stating the individual has had the disease, or submit proof of immunization, or submit laboratory confirmation of immunity.
 - (2) Rubella (German): Note signed by physician/advanced practice nurse stating the individual has had the disease, and the diagnosis is reported by serial (2) serological tests at the time of the disease. Submit proof of immunization or proof of serology screening which reads "reactive". If acceptable proof of immunity is not available for measles/rubella, the individual is required to receive the appropriate immunization with proper precautions taken for rubella.

Hepatitis B (Hep B)

- All students enrolled in medical programs need the vaccination for Hepatitis B due to increased exposure to blood pathogens.
- Students must submit documentation of initiation and/or completion of the vaccine series or laboratory confirmation of immunity.
- If the student does not choose to receive the Hepatitis B series, a declination form must be submitted before entering the clinical areas.

Influenza

- It is highly recommended, and **may be required by clinical sites/facilities**, due the increased exposure, students must be immunized for the influenza virus prior to entering a clinical site or facility.

NOTE

If you require an MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) immunization and also need a two step TB test, have the first TB test done by itself, then, receive the MMR with the second TB test. Otherwise, the MMR can invalidate the results of the second TB test, and you will have to wait six weeks to repeat it.

Immunizations may be obtained at your local health department for a reduced fee or from your private health care provider at the individual's expense.

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