



REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION CHECKLIST

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Verification must be provided to the program for all immunizations and titers. Verification may include: copies of your immunization record from a clinic, hospital, health department, pharmacy, or your childhood immunization card. Formal laboratory results for titers.

Note: Hepatitis B 3-shot series can take a minimum of 6 months to complete.

[ ] HEPATITIS B 3-SHOT SERIES or HEPATITIS B 2 SHOT SERIES (HepLisav-B): [ ] #1 [ ] #2 [ ] #3 OR [ ] #1 [ ] #2

[ ] Hep B Surface Antibody Titer AND [ ] Hep B Surface Antigen Titer ("quantitative" is preferred)

[ ] MMR: MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA: Two vaccinations AND

[ ] Positive RUBELLA (IgG) titer within 12 months of program start date

OR

[ ] Positive Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (IgG) titer within 12 months of program start date

[ ] Tdap: (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) within the last 10 years.

[ ] MENINGOCOCCAL

(Ask your provider if you need the meningococcal vaccine and if so, which vaccine is best for you.)

[ ] VARICELLA (chickenpox): Verification of 2 vaccinations

OR

[ ] Positive Antibody titer

Have you had Chickenpox? YES or NO

[ ] COVID19

\*Although highly recommended, Idaho State University does not require the COVID19 vaccine at this time.

[ ] ORIGINAL SERIES

[ ] BIVALENT (BOOSTER)

[ ] UPDATED PFIZER/MODERNA (AS OF 09/12/2023)

[ ] TUBERCULIN (TB) skin test completed within 1 month of program start date.

Influenza vaccine documentation is required.

Didactic Year – vaccine, provided and administered during the fall semester

Clinical Year – vaccine, student's responsibility, documentation due before R2 (second rotation)

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL VERIFICATION (excluding the TB skin test) IS DUE TO BE SUBMITTED TO ADMISSIONS MOODLE BY JUNE 30th OR the closest day prior to. For all questions regarding immunization requirements, please contact Kerbie Cameron. Email: kerbiecameron@isu.edu Phone: 208-282-3226.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION & FAQ Our requirements are based upon the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC (Center for Disease Control), as well as clinical sites our program utilizes during your clinical year. www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/index.html

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## HEPATITIS B SERIES, HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIBODY, HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN

The Hepatitis B 3-shot series takes a minimum of 6 months to complete. Verification of the 3-shot series **or** the 2-shot series (Hepslav-B) are required. The Surface Antibody and Surface Antigen titers are required regardless of the series obtained. Both titers can be done 30-days after the final shot. Surface Antibody desired result is Positive and Surface Antigen desired result is Negative. **If Surface Antibody titer is negative**, student must repeat a second Hepatitis B series, followed by an additional Surface Antibody titer 30 days after the final shot.

## MMR: MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA

Verification of 2 vaccinations **OR** positive titers for each. A Rubella (**IgG not IgM**) titer is required, even if you have 2 documented MMR vaccines. The rubella titer **MUST** be within 12 months of the program start date.

## TETNUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS (Tdap)

Verification of vaccination within the last 10 years. Must include Pertussis.

## VARICELLA (Chickenpox)

Verification of 2 vaccinations **OR** a positive antibody titer.

## \*COVID19

Although highly recommended, as of 09/23/2021 Idaho State University does not require the COVID19 vaccine. Clinical sites may require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID19 for clinical rotation clearance/approval.

## TUBERCULIN (TB) Skin Test

TBST must be completed **within** 1 month of the program start date. Also acceptable: QuantiFERON or TSPOT blood.

## MENINGOCOCCAL

Verification of Meningococcal vaccination. Ask your provider if you need the meningococcal vaccine and if so, which vaccine is best for you. See CDC for recommendations: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mening/public/index.html>

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### Q: What is verification?

A: Verification, this is the formal validation that you have completed required immunizations/titers for the Physician Assistant Program. Acceptable verification may include: your immunization record from a clinic, hospital, health department, pharmacy, or your childhood immunization card. Formal laboratory results are required for verification of your titer results. Copies will be made of any original documents; your originals will be returned to you.

### Q. Why does the Hepatitis B series take so long?

A: The Hepatitis B series has a mandatory schedule of 0, 1, and 6 months. The 0/1/6 schedule means the second dose is administered 1 month after the first dose, the third dose is administered 6 months after your first dose. Hepislav-B 2-shot series schedule is 0/1. The antibody and antigen titers are drawn one month after the final dose.

### Q: I completed the Hepatitis series when I was a teenager, why do I need the antibody titer now?

A: Proof of immunity is required; this is demonstrated with laboratory verification. The antibody titer must be positive to validate you have immunity to Hepatitis B, the antigen titer is also required.

### Q: Aren't Hepatitis B antigen and Hepatitis B antibody the same thing?

A: NO. They are separate laboratory tests and both are required. Read about the tests at the CDC website.

### Q: My childhood vaccination card shows I have had 2 MMR's, do I still need a Rubella (IgG) titer?

A: YES.

### Q: Is the positive Rubella titer I had 3 years ago, acceptable?

A: NO. It must be within 12 months of the program start date.

### Q: I've only had one Varicella shot, but I had chickenpox when I was a child, do I still need a titer?

A: YES.

### Q: Why does my TB have to be within a month of starting the program?

A: TB tests (both types: skin and blood) are required annually. If your TB test is done too early, it will lapse before the TB test is administered at the end of the didactic year.

## **EXEMPTION INFORMATION**

### **Documenting Exemptions:**

Students may request an exemption to a clinical facility or site's vaccination requirement for valid medical or religious reasons. If a student chooses not to be vaccinated for a medical or religious reason and seeks an exemption from the vaccination requirement imposed by a clinical site, further documentation may be required by the site. Some sites may facilitate the religious exemption request themselves and the student will need to complete the site's appropriate form. Other sites may ask the university to help facilitate this process. Decisions to accept an exemption request are generally up to the clinical site.

**Medical exemption requests:** Students should work with the ISU Office of Disability Services for disability accommodations. Students can fill out a Student Request for Services Form or call (208) 282-3599 (Pocatello), (208) 373-1723 (Meridian), or email [disabilityservices@isu.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@isu.edu). Upon the conclusion of the accommodation process, the Office of Disability Services will email a letter to the student with the decision of the medical exemption request for submission to any requesting clinical site.

**Religious exemption requests:** Students should work with the Office of Equity and Inclusion for a religious exemption request by completing the Religious Exemption Request Form. The Office of Equity and Inclusion will email a letter to the student with the decision of the religious exemption request for submission to any requesting clinical site. Students can reach the Office of Equity and Inclusion at (208) 282-3964 or <https://www.isu.edu/aaction/religious-accommodations/> to request the form.

### **Opt-out Guidelines:**

In general, satisfactory progression through professional curricula requires that students complete clinical and didactic course requirements in the semester in which they are enrolled. Programmatic requirements are based on professional accreditation standards and licensing board requirements, and include clinical education activities. Should a student be unable to complete requirements due to illness or CDC recommended isolation/quarantine, make-up work may be allowed if congruent with programmatic or university policies for other medically related absences. Should a student choose not to complete any course or program requirement related to clinical education, the student is responsible for contacting the course instructor and providing a rationale for "opting out." Opt-out policies may vary between programs; students should contact their individual programs for specifics on process. Delays in progression and/or graduation may occur due to quarantine time and/or if a student chooses to opt-out of any aspect of required coursework or clinical education.