

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 2009

TO: All Entering Occupational Therapy Students

FROM: John White
School of Occupational Therapy

RE: Health Records

Attached, you will find the School of Occupational Therapy health record for vaccination requirements. Health care professionals need to be properly vaccinated to protect both themselves and their client/patients from unnecessary preventable diseases. The School of Occupational Therapy requires that all students maintain current health insurance, immunizations, tuberculosis (TB) screenings, and CPR/First Aid certifications throughout the curriculum.

As a student, it is imperative that you complete and return the attached Immunization Record and the Immunization Release Form to the University Student Health Services prior to the first day of the first semester of enrollment.

MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) is a standard requirement by state law for all full-time college students. Diphtheria-Tetanus is a widely accepted and required immunization.

Zoster Virus Varicella (Chickenpox) titer confirming immunity as a result of having had the varicella zoster virus, or having had the vaccine series, is also required by the school. A note from your doctor stating that you have had chicken pox previously will not replace the Titer. If you **have not** had chicken pox. You will need to get a chicken pox immunization.

Tuberculosis screening is not a vaccination, but screens for potential exposure to tuberculosis bacillus and is required by the School of Occupational Therapy annually. It is the student's responsibility to provide, annually, photocopies of official documentation to the School verifying an updated TB screening. The University Health Services Center provides TB Screening for students on an appointment basis at a minimal cost. Contact the Health Center (352-2269) for further information.

If your Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) is more than 2 years old, one dose of Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) is required. According to the CDC, healthcare workers who have direct patient contact in hospitals or clinics should get **one** booster dose of Tdap as an adult. A 2 year interval since the last Td is suggested

The HBV (hepatitis B-virus) vaccine is administered in a series of three injections (day one, day 30 and day 180), and a titer to confirm immunity, day 194. This vaccine is required for all O.T. students, both for patient/client protection and especially for protection of the students as they are exposed to numerous community health settings. We strongly encourage you complete the series prior to admission in the fall. Contact your county health department or your private physician. The vaccination series is costly (approximately \$150/person-cost may vary from facility to facility) and is considered to be an additional student academic expense. All students should plan their finances accordingly. **Students without documentation of HBV series must have a titer to confirm immunity.**

The HAV (hepatitis A virus) vaccine is a series of two vaccines. This vaccination is required for International Travel and strongly recommended for all health profession students.

Lastly, due to the Federal mandate regarding HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability) compliance for the release of medical information, we need to add an additional form for you to fill out. This form allows Pacific University's Health Center to disclose information to the School of O.T. Without this signed release, the school of OT will have to ask you to fill out the health record form again for our office records. This information is vital to fieldwork/practicum participation. So, please fill it out along with the other health forms and send it in the enclosed Student Health Services self-addressed stamped envelope.

The required immunizations, tuberculin testing, must be "current" and "certified" at all times while enrolled in the School of Occupational Therapy. If, at any time, your status on any of these should become "not current" or "not certified", you are subject to immediate suspension from the program until the deficiencies are corrected. Please do not wait until certification or TB testing has expired to schedule yourself for re-certification or re-testing.

In summary, all first year students are required to complete the attached health record and release form in full and return it to The Student Health Center.

Please review the '09 Chart Program Immunization simplification chart below

MMR (2 doses)	TB Skin Test	Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td/*Tdap)	Hepatitis B (3 doses)	Hepatitis A (2 doses)	Varicella	Menin gococ al	Pertusi s
Required	Required	Required	Required	Recommended	See detail	Not req	See detail
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Varicella:

If you have had the varicella vaccine(s) (1 required if you were 13 or younger) or 2 if you were over the age of 13, you do not need to have a titer. You only need to supply the Health Center and the School of Occupational Therapy with the documentation. If you have actually had chicken pox, you will need to have a titer to prove immunity.

Pertussis:

Pertussis is not currently required; however, if you are participating in Fieldwork in Idaho or Utah, this becomes required. You will be notified at the time of your fieldwork placement.

Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) :

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