Immunization Records Requirements

Immunization Records MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO STARTING CLASSES for the first time at GCC if you meet any of the criteria listed below. They are submitted once while attending GCC and as required to meet Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) requirements or program changes. The documentation of immunity to specific contagious diseases is required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and state law. Greenfield Community College complies with the collection of this information for the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Religious and medical exemptions are allowed under the law and should be renewed annually.

All newly enrolled students must answer the Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Survey in MyGCC prior to starting classes for the first time at the College. **You must meet the Immunization requirements if any of the following apply:**
- I am taking 12 credits or more AND I am under 30 years old
- I am an international student on a visa, exchange or visiting classes program AND I am under 30 years old
- I am enrolling in Nursing, Practical Nursing, Paramedic or Medical Assistant studies

If none of these apply, then no immunization records are required.

Immunization records must include all of the requirements listed below, or progress toward meeting them, from your healthcare provider’s office, patient portal, clinic, healthcare facility, pharmacy, or school nurse.

- Records must include your name, DOB, vaccinations and date of administration with the site’s name.
- **All blood tests must include the lab &/or physician’s office name, the result and date of collection.**
- This information may be faxed, mailed or delivered to the Health Records office N348 by the student or healthcare provider’s office. Lock boxes are available to drop off forms in the Admissions suite C103 and outside the Health Records Office N348.

**Details for health occupation student requirements are on Enrollment Deadline Forms & Information Packets.**

**Your immunization record must meet the criteria below:**

- **Hepatitis B**: 3 dose series [or 2 dose Heplisav-B] or a positive anti-HBs (surface antibody) blood test
  - Health Occupation students need BOTH a vaccine series AND a positive titer
- **MMR**: 2 dose series of vaccines or a positive IgG blood titer to each disease.
  - Non-health majors may use an age exemption if they were born in the US before 1957
- **Tdap**: must have one dose and a history of DTaP primary series or age appropriate catch-up
  - If over 10 years since your last vaccination, then a booster is needed, either Td or Tdap
  - Health occupation students must have a current Tdap less than 10 years old
- **Varicella**: 2 dose series or a positive IgG blood titer
  - Non-health majors may use an age exemption if they were born in the U.S. before 1980 or a healthcare provider verified history of Chicken Pox with the date or your age noted. *This history may be in your health records and not on the immunization list so check for it if missing!*
- **Meningococcal only for students 16 to 21 years of age AND taking 12 or more credits:**
  - One dose of a MenACWY conjugate vaccine or a signed MA Department of Public Health waiver
  - Meningococcal conjugate type vaccines include Menactra, Menevo, or MCV4
  - Meningococcal type B vaccinations (Bexsero; Trumenba) do **not** meet this requirement
- **Flu (Influenza)**: Recommended for all students; **Required with each flu season for Nursing, Practical Nursing, Paramedic and Medical Assistant students** or a medical or religious exemption
- **COVID-19**: Recommended for all students; **Required for health occupation students** or an exemption

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