

Student Health & Counseling Center

Nursing Health and Immunization

Requirements

2026-2027

Dordt University's Department of Nursing partners with various clinical sites, each of which require a signed contract stating that all nursing students have fulfilled the vaccination requirements as listed below. To maintain our partnership with these clinical sites, it is essential that all Dordt nursing students comply fully with these requirements.

Deadlines for submission of information are July 1 for fall semester enrollment, and January 2, for spring semester enrollment. Health and Immunization requirements must be met prior to enrolling for a second semester.

Students will complete the full Health and Immunization Requirement in their password protected, Online Student Health Portal located through their password protected Dordt [Student Account](#).

Report of Required Immunizations for Dordt University Nursing Students

To ensure that Dordt University's immunization requirement has been met and cost of any needed vaccine is covered by the student's insurance, all students are encouraged to meet with their healthcare provider and receive needed vaccines prior to coming to campus.

- **Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT)**: A primary series of four doses should have been completed by the fourth birthday.
- **Hepatitis B**: 3 doses of Engerix-B or Recombivax HB, **or** 2 doses of Heplisav B, **or** documentation of immunity through positive titer are required.
- **Influenza Vaccine** : After freshman year, an annual dose of influenza vaccine is required each fall, prior to enrolling for spring semester. *Inquiries regarding exemption from the influenza vaccine should be directed to the Director of the Nursing Program, [Dr. Deb Bormgaars](#)*
- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**: Two doses are required. The first dose must be given *after* the first birthday and a second dose *no sooner* than 4 weeks *after* the first dose.
- **Polio**: A four-dose series of inactive polio vaccine are required. The doses should be completed at or after age 4 years.
- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis)**: A Tdap booster at age 11 or after is required. Tdap can be administered regardless of interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine.
- **Tuberculosis (TB)**: A record of two (2) tuberculosis skin tests (also known as TST/ PPD) administered 7-21 days apart and not more than 12 months apart **or** one (1) IGRA/QuantiFERON Gold/T-SPOT blood test, completed no sooner than 6 months prior to arrival at Dordt is required. Depending on the date of a 2-step TB skin test or IGRA test, and information from the student's TB questionnaire, an additional test may be required. If there is history of a positive result to any test, documentation of a chest x-ray and treatment must be provided along with the test results. All TB testing must be completed in the U.S. or Canada. International nursing students will receive IGRA/QuantiFERON Gold testing during the International Student Orientation.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox)**: 2 doses at least 4-8 weeks apart **or** documentation of immunity through positive titer are required. Documentation of illness is not accepted for nursing students.

Documentation of Immunization: Students are required to submit an official record of immunization that includes their complete immunization history, please confirm that name and date of birth are on all pages of the record. The document can be printed from your online medical chart through your health care provider or your state health department's immunization program. Immunization records must be uploaded through the Dordt Online Student Health Portal (OSHP), directions for uploading are on the [Student Account Checklist](#). **If you are unable to locate documentation of immunizations, you will be asked to repeat the vaccine(s) in question or confirm immunity through a blood test. See below for information on locating immunization records.*

Religious Exemption from Immunization: Due to the immunization requirements of our clinical site partners, Dordt does not provide a religious exemption from immunization for nursing students as the exemption would prohibit students from progressing through the

required clinical rotations. Religious exemption from influenza vaccine may be available through some clinical sites. Inquiries regarding exemption from the influenza vaccine should be made to the Director of the Nursing Program, Dr. [Deb Bomgaars](#)

Medical Exemption from Immunization: Medical exemption from immunization is considered on a case-by-case basis and in certain circumstances may be provided. Applications for medical exemption from immunization are available by contacting the Director of Student Health and Counseling at Health@Dordt.edu

Recommended Immunizations

Dordt strongly recommends that all students are up to date for all routine vaccines listed in the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Immunization Schedule](#). In the event of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease on Dordt's campus, under-vaccinated and unvaccinated students should be protected from exposure to disease and may need to leave campus to do so. The student will be responsible for any missed assignments associated with this leave.

- **[COVID-19 Vaccine](#)** – As of July 2023, Medicare has released our clinical partners from requiring a COVID vaccine, receiving the vaccine is optional. Our clinical partners are required to report on the percentage of students who have had the vaccine and therefore ask that you provide documentation of the vaccine if you have had it.
- **[Meningitis Vaccines](#)** – The State of Iowa requires that all colleges and universities provide information on [Meningococcal Vaccine](#) and the [illness it prevents](#). [The CDC recommends](#) meningococcal vaccination for all incoming students who will live on a residential campus like Dordt University's. There are three vaccine options to protect against Meningitis. We recommend incoming students have a conversation with their doctor and consider being fully vaccinated to protect against all serogroups of meningitis.
 - **[Meningococcal conjugate or MenACWY vaccines](#)** (**Menactra®, Menveo®, and MenQuadfi®**) – Prevent against strains A,C,W, and Y. First-year college students who live in residential housing (if not previously vaccinated at age 16 years or older) should have 1 dose Menveo, Menactra, or MenQuadfi.
 - **[Meningitis B Vaccines \(Bexsero, Trumenba\)](#)** – MenB series is recommended for adolescents and young adults aged 16-23 years based on shared clinical decision making with your health care provider to provide short-term protection against disease caused by serogroup B Neisseria meningitidis.
 - **[MenABCWY vaccine \(Penbraya™\)](#)** helps protect against 5 serogroups of the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease: A, B, C, W, and Y. This type of vaccine is also known as a serogroup A, B, C, W, and Y, or pentavalent, meningococcal vaccine. A MenABCWY vaccine is an option for people who are getting MenACWY and MenB vaccines at the same visit.

Official Documentation of Immunization Records is available through:

- Your Health Care Provider
- State Public Health Department's immunization program
- The branch of the military that you or a parent have served in

Unable to locate Immunization Records?

- Finding your immunization record through your state's Immunization Information System: https://www.cdc.gov/iis/contacts-locate-records/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html
Tips for locating old immunization records: <https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3065.pdf>

More information about immunizations and the diseases they prevent is available at:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella: <https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-details/measles-mumps-and-rubella-vaccines>
- Vaccine Safety: <https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-safety>
- Importance of Vaccines: <https://www.immunize.org/importance-of-vaccines/>
- Reliable Sources of Immunization Information: Where Parents Can Go to Find Answers! <https://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4012.pdf>

