



# Student Health & Counseling Center

## Health and Immunization Requirement

### U.S. and Canada

#### 2026-2027

With the goal of maintaining a healthy campus, Dordt University requires all new incoming, transfer, and re-admitted students to provide documentation of health and immunization information. **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 Dordt [Student Account](#).

### **Report of Required Immunizations for Dordt University 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.*

1. **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.
2. **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 immunization record. The document can be printed from your online health chart through your health care provider or your state health department's immunization program. Immunization records must be uploaded through Dordt's Online Student Health Portal (OSHP), directions for uploading are on the [Student Account Checklist](#). Copies sent via mail, email, or fax are not accepted. *\*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.*

*\*Applications for medical or religious exemption from required immunization(s) are available by contacting the Director of Student Health and Counseling at [Health@Dordt.edu](mailto:Health@Dordt.edu). Applications for immunization exemption must be submitted to Student Health by July 1 (for fall semester), and January 2 (for spring semester).*

### **Recommended Immunizations**

Dordt University 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 University'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 loss of tuition or housing fees, loss of credit hours, and/or missed assignments associated with this leave.

1. **Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT)** – A primary series of four doses completed by the fourth birthday.
2. **Hepatitis B** – 3 doses of Engerix-B or Recombivax HB, **or** 2 doses of Heplisav B.
3. **Influenza Vaccine** – For the protection of the Dordt campus community, an annual influenza vaccine is recommended.
4. **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.

- a. **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.
- b. **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.**
- c. **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.

5. **Polio** – A four-dose series of inactive polio vaccine completed at or after age 4 years.
6. **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis)** – A Tdap booster within the last 10 years. Tdap can be administered regardless of interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine.
7. **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** – 2 doses at least 4-8 weeks

#### **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](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>