



Student Health & Counseling Center

International Student

Health and Immunization Requirements

2021-2022

With the goal of maintaining a healthy campus, Dordt University requires that all new incoming, transfer, and re-admitted students provide documentation of health and immunization information. **Deadlines for submission of information are July 1 for fall semester, and January 2, for spring semester.** Health and Immunization requirements must be met prior to enrolling for a second semester.

Required Health and Immunization Information

- 1. Health History:** Please complete the self-reported Health History. This information provides Student Health and Counseling with information about your health status, past medical history, and enables us to better meet your health care needs while you are a student. The Health History is accessed from the [Student Account Checklist](#), through the Online Student Health Portal (OSHP). All medical information is confidential and will only be shared after you have given your authorization for us to do so. The Health History *should be completed by the student, with help from a parent if necessary.*
- 2. Privacy Policy and Authorization for Use** can be accessed through the [Student Account Checklist](#)
- 3. Immunization History Information:** Please submit a copy of your official immunization record or have the [Dordt University Immunization Record](#) completed by your physician. *Be sure the document contains dates for each of the required immunizations.* Immunization records should be uploaded to the Online Student Health Portal accessed through your [Student Account Checklist](#). *All immunization documents must be in English and contain your name and date of birth on each page.* Please keep a copy for your personal records. **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.* Cost of vaccination and blood tests are the financial responsibility of the student.
- 4. Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire:** Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacterium called *mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The bacteria usually attack the lungs, but TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine, and brain. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal. For basic facts on tuberculosis, please visit the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention's tuberculosis page](#). It is recommended by the CDC that any incoming student who has traveled or lived internationally in areas of high risk for tuberculosis, be screened for this illness. Please complete the Questionnaire on the Online Student Health Portal.
- 5. Tuberculosis Testing**
Please *do not* have a Tuberculin Skin Test or BCG vaccine done prior to travel. All TB testing must be done in the United States and will be provided during orientation. If you have been treated for TB infection or disease, please bring a copy of your treatment report *written in English*. Chest x-rays, when required, must be done within the United States no earlier than 3 months prior to starting at Dordt University. Students who have received a BCG vaccine have the potential for a false positive reaction to the [TB skin test and a more accurate form of testing will be provided](#). Students will be asked to cover the \$80 cost of this test. All testing and medical evaluation for TB will be the financial responsibility of the student.

Immunizations

To ensure that The University's immunization requirement has been met with minimal cost to the student, all students are encouraged to meet with their physician prior to submitting immunization information.

Required Immunizations for Dordt University Students

- **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.

Recommended Immunizations

- **COVID-19 Vaccine** – Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccines meet U.S. criteria for [COVID-19 vaccination](#).

- **MenACWY (Meningococcal Quadrivalent Vaccine) MenACWY (Meningococcal Quadrivalent Vaccine)** 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 two different immunizations needed to protect against Meningitis. One protects against Meningitis serogroups A, C, W, and Y. The other vaccine protects against Meningitis serogroup B. We recommend our students receive both vaccines to protect against all vaccine preventable serogroups of meningitis.

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

10 Reasons to get Vaccinated: <https://www.nfid.org/immunization/10-reasons-to-get-vaccinated/>

Why Immunize: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/why.htm>

Importance of Vaccines: <https://www.immunize.org/importance-of-vaccines/>