



# Student Health & Counseling Center

## International Student

### Health and Immunization Requirements

2024-2025

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. **Immunization History:** Please submit a copy of your official immunization record or have the [Dordt University Immunization Record](#) (located under Miscellaneous Forms) completed by your physician. *All immunization documents must be in English and contain your name and date of birth on each page. Be sure the document contains dates for each of the required immunizations.* Immunization records should be uploaded to the Online Student Health Portal (OSHP) accessed through your [Student Account Checklist](#). 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.
  
2. **Required Forms:** All required forms are located in the OSHP and accessed through the [Student Account Checklist](#)
  - a. **Health History:** Please complete the self-reported Health History. This information provides Student Health and Counseling with information about your health status and past medical history, this enables us to better meet your health care needs while you are a student. All medical information is confidential and will only be shared if you provide authorization for us to do so. The Health History *should be completed by the student, with assistance from a parent if necessary.*
  - b. **Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire:** All incoming students are screened for risk factors of tuberculosis (TB) using this questionnaire. Screening and targeted testing for TB is a key strategy for controlling and preventing infection on college and university campuses. For basic facts on tuberculosis, please visit the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention's tuberculosis page](#).  
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](#) during international orientation. 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.
  - c. **Privacy Policy and Authorization for Use:** This document provides information to you, the student, about our privacy policy. This form is also where you provide authorization to receive services through Student Health and Counseling.

#### **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, all students are encouraged to meet with their healthcare provider and receive needed vaccines prior to coming to campus. If you are unable to receive MMR vaccine in your home country, we will assist you in finding the vaccine locally once you are on campus. **\*Note: Students with a nursing major must meet the immunization requirements for [nursing 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**

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'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.

- **COVID-19 Vaccine** – to minimize illness for the Dordt campus community, the [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) is strongly recommended for all students. *\*Due to the requirements of external entities that provide field placement, clinical sites, and internships, there may be instances where the vaccine is required by these entities and students could be unable to complete the course of study in their identified major if they are un-immunized.*
- **Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT)** – A primary series of four doses completed by the fourth birthday.
- **Hepatitis B** – 3 doses of Engerix-B or Recombivax HB, **or** 2 doses of Heplisav B.
- **Influenza Vaccine** – For the protection of the Dordt campus community, an annual influenza vaccine is recommended.
- **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 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.
  - **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.**
- **Polio** – A four dose series of inactive polio vaccine completed at or after age 4 years.
- **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.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** – 2 doses at least 4-8 weeks

## **Official Documentation of Immunization Records is available through:**

- Your Health Care Provider
- Public Health Department's immunization program
- School immunization records

## **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/>

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