



Student Health & Counseling Center

Nursing 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

All required forms are in the Online Student Health Portal (OSHP), accessed through the [Student Account Checklist](#)

- 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. 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. Immunization History:** Students are asked to submit an official record of immunization that includes their complete immunization history, confirm that name and date of birth are on all pages of the 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 the 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.*
- 3. 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 [tested for this illness](#).
- 4. Privacy Policy and Authorization for Use:** This document provides information on our privacy policy and your authorization to receive services through Student Health and Counseling.

Immunizations

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 prior to submitting immunization information.

Required Immunizations for Dordt University Nursing Students

- **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** – Annual dose of influenza vaccine is required prior to enrolling for the spring semester.
- **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 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 tuberculosis skin test (TST) – two tests 1-3 weeks apart or one QuantiFERON Gold/T-SPOT blood test, completed within 6 months prior to arrival at Dordt is required. If there is a positive result to either test, documentation of a negative chest x-ray and history of latent TB treatment must be attached. All TB testing must be completed in the U.S. or Canada.
- **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.

Recommended Immunizations

- **COVID-19 Vaccine** - Dordt University is not mandating the COVID vaccine at this time but nursing students will need to comply with the requirements of our clinical partners to continue in clinicals as assigned. COVID-19 immunization records will be monitored by the nursing department.
- **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.

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?

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html>

<https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3065.pdf>

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/>