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:** Students are asked 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 health chart through your health care provider or your state health department's immunization program. Immunization records must be uploaded through the 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.*

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, 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](https://www.cdc.gov/tb/).

   c. **Privacy Policy and Authorization for Use:** This document provides information about Student Health and Counseling’s privacy policy and authorization to receive services through us.

**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 before submitting immunization information so that they can receive needed vaccines prior to coming to campus.

- **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.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing** – Students identified as high risk for exposure to TB are required to submit record of TB testing completed within the 6 months prior to arrival at the University. In the event of positive results to TB testing, documentation of chest x-ray and course of TB treatment should be provided. All TB testing must be completed in the U.S. or Canada. International students are asked to [follow the TB guidelines on the Health and Immunization Requirements for International Students](https://www.dordt.edu/health-services/immunization-requirements/).

**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.
- **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.
  - 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 N. 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
- 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.nfpid.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/