



# The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Graduate Health Sciences College Policies

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## Purpose

This policy defines the immunization requirements for enrollment

## Policy Details

UTHSC requires that all entering students undergo tuberculin (TB) skin testing at registration and document prior immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, polio, and tetanus by recorded evidence of immunization. Documentation of receipt of two doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine after the first birthday is required unless born prior to 1957. Anyone with unknown or negative history of varicella must undergo serological testing. University Health Services will determine whether immunization documentation is adequate. Students who are unable to document immunity to these infections may be enrolled, provided required immunization and TB testing are obtained within 10 days of registration. Students may be exempted from this requirement if contraindications are established by University Health Services.

A TB skin test will be given at orientation for anyone without proof of a TB skin test within the last 3 months. A two-step TB skin test will be given to students without documented prior testing within 5 years. Students with a positive TB skin test must show clearance from a local or state health department.

University Health Services is required to ensure that students are immunized against hepatitis B. However, exceptions to this policy may be made for individual students making such a request by providing reasonable cause and by signing a statement of declination. Students known to be hepatitis B antigen- or antibody-positive (or already immune) or for whom contraindications are established by a healthcare provider or University Health Services may be exempted from this immunization. Students have until the end of the first semester enrolled to start the series of three injections for hepatitis B immunization.



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## Policy Scope

Applies to all enrolled students.

## Supporting Information

UTHSC University Health Services FAQs <http://www.uthsc.edu/univheal/faqs.php>

## Document History

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