

Immunization Requirements

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires by law a Certificate of Immunizations for all full-time (any day/night combination of three or more classes) and all Health Science students in order to register for classes. You must present documentation of having received:

- **TDAP (tetanus that includes pertussis) WITHIN THE LAST 10 Years.** This is the tetanus vaccine that includes pertussis. The State of MA requires the TDAP instead of the TD vaccine for incoming students because there have been an increase of pertussis in the young adult population in Massachusetts.
- 2 doses of **Measles, Mumps and Rubella** vaccine
- 3 doses **Hepatitis B** vaccine (You must have received at least the first dose)
- 2 doses of **Varicella (chicken pox)** vaccine
- 1 dose **Meningococcal** vaccine (within the last 5 years) if you are a new student living on campus. Please read the attached information from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health about meningitis and the vaccine. It includes a waiver that students may sign declining the vaccine after they have read the information. We encourage all residential students to receive the vaccine.
- A **PPD/Mantoux** test (test for tuberculosis) is required if you have certain risk factors.
 - You were born or traveled in Africa, Asia (except Japan), Central/South America, Mexico, Eastern Europe, the Caribbean or the Middle East
 - You or a household member have HIV or use intravenous drugs
 - You have worked in a high-risk congregate setting such as a prison

OR - A blood test report documenting a positive immune titer for the above diseases (titer values and interpretation must be included.)

Medical History and Physical Examination Requirement

A medical history and physical exam within 18 months is required for students who intend to:

- utilize the medical services offered at the Health Center and/or
- apply for residential housing (**A residential housing assignment cannot be given until the medical history, physical exam and immunization record are received and approved by the Health Center.**)