

Yale UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

Frequently Asked Questions about Student Immunizations

(Yale School of Medicine, Yale School of Nursing & PA Program Students)

Welcome to Yale University! We are eager to help you to meet the immunization requirements related to University admission. Below are answers to those questions which are most frequently asked by students.

Connecticut (CT) State law requires that all students admitted to any university, located in Connecticut, comply with the CT State Immunization Regulations. Obtaining the necessary immunizations and documentation is a Yale University pre-entrance requirement and must be completed before you arrive on campus. All students are financially responsible for all pre-entrance immunizations and blood tests.

Documentation of the required vaccines must be completed and signed by your healthcare provider which may be your doctor, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.

Which vaccination form should be completed?

All incoming Nursing, Physician Assistant and Medical students should meet with their healthcare provider in early spring to ensure completion of the Health Professions Vaccination Record. Meet with your healthcare provider as early as possible, to allow adequate time to acquire the necessary vaccinations and to ensure that the completed Vaccination Record is received by YUHS by the deadline of *July 20th*.

Who must complete the vaccination form?

All incoming medical, nursing and PA students regardless of age must complete the Health Professions Vaccination Record.

Where do I send the completed forms?

Please mail the completed forms to the **address on the top of the form**. We do not accept faxes.

For Express Mail only address the forms to:

Yale University Health Services
Attn: Barbara Prior
New Student Forms
17 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, CT 06520-8237

Can I fax my forms?

No, we do not accept faxed vaccination records.

Can I email my forms?

We prefer that you mail the completed forms. You may send them by regular mail or Express Mail. If you must email the form, each page must have your name and date of birth as identifying information.

What happens if I send in my forms past the deadline?

If you have not sent your Health Professions Vaccination Record you will be placed on “Health Hold” until your forms are received and processed. You will not be allowed to register for classes until your forms have been received.

What immunizations are necessary?

Please refer to the Health Professions Vaccination Record and the Healthcare Provider Instruction forms for details.

Where can I get my written record of my immunization dates?

A written record of your immunization dates is provided by your doctor, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, etc. If your vaccinations **are up to date** and were documented in your previous high school or college immunization record, you may attach these records to your Health Professions Vaccination Record form. This information must be attached and also documented on your Health Professions Vaccination Record form.

What should I do if my immunization records are lost or unavailable?

You should make an appointment with your doctor and have blood tests called titers drawn to show immunity to measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox). Please refer to the Vaccination Record form for more detail.

My doctor says I only need one Measles immunization. Is this true?

No, Connecticut State law requires documented evidence of two measles immunizations. The first dose must have been given on or after your first birthday. The second dose must have been given at least 30 days after the first dose and on or after January 1, 1980. If you did not have these immunizations, as described, you will need to receive 1-2 vaccinations before you arrive on campus. Each vaccine should be given 30 days apart and must be documented.

I have received BCG in the past. Do I still need a TB test?

Yes, you still need a TB test, unless you had a previous Mantoux TB test that was positive with an indurated reaction of 10mm or greater. In that case, you must have documentation of a negative chest x-ray, be without symptoms and provide a treatment plan.

Is it mandatory for students to receive the meningitis vaccine prior to entering Yale University?

All students living in campus housing (residential colleges and addresses listed on the vaccination form), are required by Connecticut State law to have the meningitis vaccination.

Only the quadrivalent type of meningitis vaccine is acceptable (see next question).

Which Meningitis vaccine should I get?

Only the *quadrivalent* type of meningitis vaccine is acceptable. It protects against four strains of the most common types of meningitis (A,C,Y and W-135). Acceptable vaccines include Menomune[®], Menactra[®], Mencevax[®] and ACYW Vax[®].

My vaccination records are written in another language. Will you accept them?

All vaccination records must be translated into the English language before they will be accepted.

What if I don't have all of the immunizations that I need?

We recommend that you see your healthcare provider for all of the required immunizations before arriving on campus.

Where can I get more information?

Email us at: immunization@yale.edu

Connecticut Department of Public Health

http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3136&q=388450&dphNav_GID=1601

Centers for Disease Control

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/adults.htm>

Tuberculosis Skin Test Fact Sheet

http://www.lungusa.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=2060731&content_id={E017092A-511A-4871-8EAE-17988C696509}¬oc=1