Instructions for Online Submission of Immunization and Health History

Important:
As a condition of enrollment, all full-time students and all students living in campus housing are subject to certain requirements, including submission of health information indicating that students are fully immunized for certain diseases and submission of a personal health history questionnaire. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2011.

Failure to meet the requirements will result in denial of student registration privileges.

Incoming fall 2011 and spring 2012 students must provide this information on a secure web site. Please go to http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/immunization.php for information.

Instructions for submission of Immunization History:

1. Please take a copy of Penn’s immunization requirements and the Immunization History Form to your health care provider. You can obtain a copy of these forms at http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/immunization.php.

2. Have your provider ensure that you are up to date with requirements.

3. Your health care provider will need to complete and sign the Immunization History Form (This must include your provider’s signature with title). Your provider should furnish you with a copy of this form (and if possible copies of your original records).

4. Enter the immunization information on this form online at: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/immunization.php (all students are required to enter this online). Important: you will need your Penn Key to access the system. Please go to http://www.upenn.edu/computing/pennkey/ for more information.

5. The immunization information that you enter on the website must be verified in order for your information to become part of your student record. This is accomplished by faxing the Immunization History Form. This can be done either by you or your health care provider. The fax number is 215 746 0909. If possible, please include any actual immunization records you have as well, including blood tests, x-ray reports, etc.

Health questionnaire:
Answering specific questions are optional. You do not need to submit any authentication for this section.

TB Screening: All questions are required. No provider authentication is required. If you have any questions, please call the Immunization Office at 215 746 3535, Option # 4 or send us a secure message at https://shs.upenn.edu/.

* Note: If you cannot have a provider complete the Immunization History Form but have your original records, you may send these alone however will delay processing. Also if these records are not clearly signed and/or stamped and dated they will not be accepted.

Phone: 215 746 3535
Fax: 215 746 0909
Email: immun@pobox.upenn.edu

Please see other side for the list of required immunizations
Required Immunizations fall 2011 and spring 2012
University of Pennsylvania

As a condition of enrollment, all full-time students and all students living in campus housing are subject these requirements. Please note: Students in medical professional programs may have other immunization requirements in addition to the University’s. Please check with your program administration.

Failure to meet the requirements will result in denial of student registration privileges.

Required Immunizations:

1. Hepatitis B
Doses one and two given four weeks apart are required for all matriculating students or a blood test showing immunity. All students will be required to have all three doses of the hepatitis B vaccine by their second semester. The third dose should be at least 4 to 6 months after second dose.

2. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
Two doses of MMR are required. Dose one of MMR must be administered after the first birthday, and the second given a minimum of four weeks or later or blood test showing immunity is also acceptable or disease history confirmed by your doctor’s record for measles and mumps only, history of rubella is not accepted. A third Measles and/or Mumps dose given a minimum of four weeks or later is highly recommended.

3. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
Two doses of chicken pox vaccine are required at least one month apart or blood test verifying immunity is acceptable or History of disease.

4. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis
Incoming students must have proof of Tdap (Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine) immunization. Td (Tetanus-Diphtheria) does not satisfy this requirement. There is no minimum interval required between Tdap and the previous Td or other tetanus or diphtheria-containing vaccine.

5. Meningococcal
All incoming students who will be living in campus housing and who are age 21 or younger must submit proof of 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)* since age 16. Incoming students living on campus who are over age 21 may either submit proof of vaccination since age 16 or submit the Meningococcal Vaccine Waiver.

*Such as Menactra or Menveo., Meningococcal conjugate vaccine is preferred although meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4), such as Menomune, is acceptable. At minimum, serogroups A, C, Y, and W-135 must be covered.

6. Tuberculosis
The University performs targeted TB testing. All students must complete the online TB Risk Screening form. If TB testing is indicated by this screening tool, students may satisfy the TB testing requirement in one of 2 ways: 1) Submit a copy of the negative IGRA blood test for TB infection, such as Quantiferon-Gold or TSpotTB, within 12 months of entrance to Penn or 2) make an appointment with the immunization nurse at Student Health Service (SHS) to have a TB skin test (PPD) or IGRA blood test for TB infection. Please note that SHS DOES NOT ACCEPT TB SKIN TEST (PPD) RESULTS PLACED BY PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF SHS. Students with documented TB history (positive test result, chest xray report, treatment, etc) can make an appointment with a nurse for review.

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