

WELCOME TO UNION UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

The Tennessee Department of Health has immunization requirements for those who attend college. In compliance with this law, and in an attempt to maintain a safe and healthy campus environment for our students, faculty, and staff, Union University requires that all entering students provide documented proof of having immunity or having been immunized for MMR, Varicella, and Meningitis ACYW unless medically contraindicated. In such cases, a qualified physician shall certify that administration of such immunization would be harmful to the student involved. Parents or guardians (or the student if over 18 years old) may file a statement with Union Health Services that the immunizations and other preventative measures conflict with the parents', guardians', or individual's religious tenets and practices, affirmed under the penalties of perjury. (TCA Section 49-6-5001).

Effective <u>December 1, 2022</u>, all students must submit their immunization documents to UU Health Services prior to moving on to campus.

There are 3 ways to submit your immunization documents:

- 1. You may email these documents to clinic@uu.edu.
- 2. You may mail or fax a copy of these documents to Union University Health Services: Union University Health Services

Attn: Jenn Chicantek
UU Box# 1916
1050 Union University Drive
Jackson, TN 38305
Fax# 731-661-5499

3. You may bring your documents to the clinic during summer orientation. (Please note, records must be collected *prior* to move-in day.)

If the information you provide is complete, you will receive an email at your Union email from Health Services that your health status has been verified, and you have met the health requirements to move onto campus.

However, per the Tennessee Department of Health requirements, if your immunization records are incomplete, you will not be permitted to move on to campus until you provide proof that you have received the required vaccine. Please note, if a student has started a required immunization series prior to move in day, but the second dose is not due until after move in day, the student will be permitted to move on to campus with the understanding that a health hold will be placed on his/her account until the student provides proof of completed immunization status. A health hold means you cannot register for next semester's classes or drop a class until the issue has been resolved and the health hold has been lifted.

Union University and Tennessee Department of Health **REQUIRES** the following vaccines:

- 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) administered on or after the first birthday or a
 positive serology test proving immunity of all 3 illnesses.
- 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) administered after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart (or if student has a history of chickenpox, he/she can submit a positive serology test proving immunity of Varicella.)
- 1 Meningitis ACWY dose AFTER their 16th birthday.

All students will be required to complete a tuberculosis (TB) screening questionnaire (attached). Based on the information provided, a TB Skin test may or may not be required. Please follow the guidance based on the answers you provide to determine if a TB skin test is necessary. If a TB Skin test is necessary, students may schedule an appointment at UU Health Services for a TB skin test for a \$20 fee. They may also go to a walk-in clinic or his/her personal health provider's office and bring a copy of the results to UU Health Services.

Union University also recommends that you consider the following vaccines for your general well-being.

- Tetanus-Diphtheria (Tdap) within 10 years
- Meningitis B
- Polio
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- HPV
- Covid-19
- Influenza (Flu)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Jenn Chicantek, Medical Assistant, at (731) 661-5284 or you may email her at clinic@uu.edu. We look forward to serving you at Union University.

Regards,

UU Health Services