



IMMUNIZATION CHECKLIST

STUDENT NAME: _____ (DOB): _____

Verification or documentation of an exemption must be provided to the Program for all immunizations and titers. Verification may include: copies of your immunization record from a clinic, hospital, health department, pharmacy, or your childhood immunization card; formal laboratory results for titers. If opting out, exemptions must be submitted for each of the following.

HEPATITIS B vaccine documentation, consisting of **EITHER**

→ **NOTE:** Hepatitis B 3-shot series can take a minimum of 6 months to complete.

→ Hep B antibody titer must show positive immunity. HepB antigen titer must show negative for active infection. Quantitative preferred.

☐☐☐ A 3-shot series **AND** ☐ HEP B antibody titer **AND** ☐ HEP B antigen titer

OR

☐☐ A 2-shot series (HepBisav-B) **AND** ☐ HEP B antibody titer **AND** ☐ HEP B antigen titer

MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR) documentation, consisting of **EITHER**

☐☐ Two vaccinations **AND** ☐ a Rubella (**IgG**) titer within 12 months of program start date

OR

☐ a full MMR (**IgG**) titer panel within 12 months of program start date

TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine documentation within the last **10 years**

☐ One vaccination

VARICELLA (chickenpox) documentation, consisting of **EITHER**

☐☐ Two vaccinations

OR

☐ a Varicella antibody titer

Have you had
chickenpox?

Circle One:

Yes

No

MENINGOCOCCAL B documentation, consisting of **EITHER**

☐ One vaccination

OR

☐ A letter stating a shared clinical decision has been made not to receive the vaccine

COVID-19 vaccine documentation, consisting of any of the following

→ *Although **highly recommended**, Idaho State University does not require the COVID19 vaccine at this time.

☐ original series ☐ bivalent booster ☐ updated Pfizer/Moderna from 09/12/23

TUBERCULIN (TB) documentation within **1 month** of classes starting, consisting of any of the following

☐ skin test ☐ QuantiFERON ☐ TSPOT blood

INFLUENZA vaccine documentation

→ Didactic Year — vaccine provided and administered during the Fall semester

→ Clinical Year — vaccine is student's responsibility; documentation due before second rotation

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Apart from the TB test, **ALL VERIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ORIENTATION MOODLE BY JUNE 30TH**. Requirements are based on the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC

(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/index.html), as well as clinical sites our program utilizes during clinical year.

Questions regarding immunization requirements: Kerbie Cameron — kerbiecameron@isu.edu or 208-282-3226.

HEPATITIS B SERIES, HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIBODY, HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN

- Verification of the 3-shot series **or** the 2-shot series (Heplisav-B) is required.
- The antibody and antigen titers are required regardless of the series obtained. Both titers can be done 30-days after the final shot.
- The surface antibody result must be Positive (indicating immunity) and the surface antigen result must be Negative (indicating no active infection).
 - **URGENT: IF THE SURFACE ANTIBODY TITER IS NEGATIVE**, the student **must** repeat a second Hepatitis B series, followed by another surface antibody titer 30 days after the final shot. Since the Hepatitis B 3-shot series takes a minimum of 6 months to complete, have a surface antibody titer drawn early.

MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA (MMR)

- Verification of 2 vaccinations **OR** positive titers for each. A rubella (**IGG not IGM**) titer is required, even if you have 2 documented MMR vaccines. The rubella titer **MUST** be within 12 months of the program start date.

TETNUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS (TDAP)

- Verification of vaccination within the last 10 years. Must include Pertussis.

VARICELLA (Chickenpox)

- Verification of 2 vaccinations **OR** a positive antibody titer.

MENINGOCOCCAL B

- Verification of vaccination. Ask your provider if you need the MenB vaccine and if so, which vaccine is best for you. Review the CDC's guidelines for recommendations: <https://cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/by-disease/mening.html>

*COVID-19

- Although highly recommended, as of 09/23/2021, Idaho State University does not require the COVID-19 vaccine. Clinical sites may require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for clinical rotation clearance/approval.

TUBERCULIN (TB) skin test

- TBST must be completed within 1 month of the program start date/first day of classes. Also acceptable: QuantiFERON or TSPOT blood.

Q: What is verification?

A: Verification is the formal validation that you have completed required immunizations/titers for the Physician Assistant Program. Acceptable verification may include: your immunization record from a clinic, hospital, health department, pharmacy, or your childhood immunization card. Formal laboratory results are required for verification of your titer results. Copies will be made of any original documents; your originals will be returned to you.

Q. Why does the Hepatitis B series take so long?

A: The Hepatitis B series has a mandatory schedule of 0/1/6, meaning that the second dose is administered 1 month after the first dose, the third dose is administered 6 months after your first dose. The Heplisav-B 2-shot series schedule is 0/1. The antibody and antigen titers are drawn one month after the final dose.

Q: I completed the Hepatitis B series when I was a teenager, why do I need the antibody titer now?

A: The antibodies provided by some vaccines can diminish over time, requiring boosters to ensure continued immunity. A positive antibody titer is required to validate immunity to Hepatitis B. The negative antigen titer is also required.

Q: Aren't Hepatitis B antigen and Hepatitis B antibody titers the same thing?

A: NO. They are separate laboratory tests. Both are required. More information about the tests is available on the CDC's website.

Q: My childhood vaccination card shows I have had 2 MMR vaccines; do I still need a Rubella (IgG) titer?

A: YES. The titer validates continued immunity.

Q: Is the positive Rubella titer I had 3 years ago acceptable?

A: NO. It must be within 12 months of the program start date/first day of classes.

Q: I've only had one Varicella shot, but I had chickenpox when I was a child; do I still need a titer?

A: YES.

Q: Why does my TB have to be within a month of starting the program?

A: TB test results are only valid for 1 year. If your TB test is done too early, it will lapse before the TB test is administered at the end of the didactic year.

EXEMPTION INFORMATION

Opt-Out Guidelines: In general, satisfactory progression through professional curricula requires that students complete clinical and didactic course requirements in the semester in which they are enrolled. Programmatic requirements are based on professional accreditation standards and licensing board requirements, and include clinical education activities. As part of the didactic year of the PA Program, students participate in service learning activities throughout the state, often involving patient interaction; additionally, as part of the clinical year of the PA Program, students are placed in off-campus sites for clinical training. Some service learning sites and many clinical training sites require that participating students provide proof of vaccination. Students who do not obtain the vaccinations detailed in the Immunization Checklist may be limited or delayed in their ability to complete service learning and/or clinical training.

Should a student be unable to complete requirements due to illness or CDC-recommended isolation/quarantine, make-up work may be allowed if congruent with programmatic or University policies for other medically related absences.

Should a student choose not to complete any course or Program requirement related to clinical education, the student is responsible for contacting the course instructor and providing a rationale for "opting out." Opt-out policies may vary between programs; students should contact their individual programs for specifics on process. Delays in progression and/or graduation may occur due to quarantine time and/or if a student chooses to opt-out of any aspect of required coursework or clinical education.

Documenting Exemptions: Students may request an exemption to a clinical facility or site's vaccination requirement for valid medical or religious reasons. If a student chooses not to be vaccinated for a medical or religious reason and seeks an exemption from the vaccination requirement imposed by a clinical site, further documentation may be required by the site. Some sites may facilitate the religious exemption request themselves and the student will need to complete the site's appropriate form. Other sites may ask the University for help facilitating this process. Decisions to accept an exemption request are generally up to the clinical site.

Medical Exemption Requests: Students should work with the ISU Office of Disability Services for disability accommodations. Students can fill out a Student Request for Services Form or call (208) 282-3599 (Pocatello), (208) 373-1723 (Meridian), or email disabilityservices@isu.edu. Upon the conclusion of the accommodation process, the Office of Disability Services will email a letter to the student with the decision of the medical exemption request for submission to any requesting clinical site.

Religious Exemption Requests: Students should work with the Office of Equal Opportunity for a religious exemption request by completing the Religious Exemption Request Form. The Office of Equal Opportunity will email a letter to the student with the decision of the religious exemption request for submission to any requesting clinical site. Students can reach the Office of Equal Opportunity at (208) 282-3964 or www.isu.edu/eo/religious-accommodations/clinical-placement to request the form.