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Immunization Requirements

Immunization Requirements and Recommendations

This policy (EO 803) is issued pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter III of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University. This policy applies to undergraduate and graduate students¹, students¹ matriculated in self-support degree programs and K-12 students¹ participating in concurrent enrollment courses entering the California State University (CSU) in or after fall 2023.

Immunization and Screening, Recommendations and Requirements are adopted from the American College Health Association (ACHA) Immunization Recommendations for College Students [linked here](#), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization & Screening Recommendations for College Students [linked here](#)

NOTE: Any revisions of the CDPH recommendations for colleges and universities as of February 1, each year, will be reflected in CSU recommendations for the subsequent fall academic term.

Exemptions

A student may be exempted from any requirements in this policy as described below:

Medical Exemption: due to a medical condition for which an Approved Vaccine presents a significant risk of a serious adverse reaction. Any medical Exemption must be verified by a certified or licensed healthcare professional.

Religious Exemption: due to either (i) a person's sincerely held religious belief, observance, or practice, which includes any traditionally recognized religion, or (ii) beliefs, observances, or practices which an individual sincerely holds and that occupy a place of importance in that individual's life, comparable to that of traditionally recognized religions.

Required Immunization

- A. Hepatitis B (Hep B) – Ages 18 and younger as per California law (HSC sections 120390-120390-7), enrollees who are 18 years of age or younger are required to provide proof of full immunization against the hepatitis B virus prior to enrollment.

Immunization and Screening Recommendations

The CSU recommends that students¹ are current for the immunizations listed below. Immunizations and screening recommendations, and immunization schedules are linked above. Campuses should link to this policy to provide students with detailed immunization and screening recommendations.

Recommended Vaccines to Reduce Outbreaks

- A. Influenza Vaccine
- B. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine
- C. Meningococcal Conjugate (Serogroups A, C, Y, W-135) Vaccine
- D. Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine
- E. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine
- F. Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine

Other Vaccines Recommended for Adults

- A. Hepatitis A (Hep A) Vaccine
- B. Hepatitis B (Hep B) Vaccine – Ages 19 and older
- C. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine
- D. Pneumococcal Vaccine
- E. Polio Vaccine

Recommend Screening

- A. Tuberculosis Screen/Risk Assessment (TB)

**For more detailed information on immunization requirements and recommendations, please see the ACHA and CDPH websites linked above.*

Additional Authorized Discretionary Requirements

A CSU campus and/or campus-sponsored program whose participants may have increased exposure risk – such as intercollegiate athletics, campus residence halls, or programs involving international travel participants (to or from the United States) – are authorized to require documentation of recommended immunizations in accordance with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines. Presidents are delegated authority to require vaccination for individuals in consultation with the Chancellor.

In the event of a local or campus-based outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, the local public health department and/or the CDPH is authorized to require immunizations beyond those currently required by the CSU. Campuses will consult with the appropriate public health authority in case of an outbreak.

Academic Program and Fieldwork or Clinical Placement Requirements

All students enrolled in health care fields of study or teacher education programs are required to provide documentation regarding the completion of immunizations and health screenings as established by the state licensing agencies or clinical placement sites or fieldwork sites. Students should contact the academic program for the specific required immunizations, health screenings (e.g., TB screening and physical examination) and any other fieldwork or clinical placement requirements.

Immunization Access

Each campus, including self-support degree programs, shall advise students about how to obtain required and recommended immunizations and health screenings through private health care providers, local health departments or the campus. Campus health centers, in cooperation with local health departments, are authorized to (and may) provide immunizations to enrolled or conditionally enrolled students; however, campus health centers are not required to do so.

When applicable, campuses, including self-support degree programs, shall advise students about where and how to obtain acceptable proof of full immunization. Examples of acceptable proof of immunization may include a copy of the student's immunization record, including the name and date(s) of immunization or date and results of blood testing indicating immunity. Acceptable proof of immunization may be provided by the student's high school, private health care provider, local health department, or campus health center.

Campuses have discretion to develop policies and procedures to address students who are not in compliance with any required immunizations.

Each campus, including self-support degree programs, are required to develop a consistent process to track compliance with required immunizations and screenings through a designated campus department (e.g., Registrar, Enrollment Management, Student Health Center, Admissions and Records, etc.). The immunization form shall include provisions for medical exemption or religious beliefs.

Endnotes

¹Students are defined as all incoming students, with the exception of the following:

- A. Students enrolled in fully online degree programs
- B. Students enrolled in non-credit, professional development/extended education programs such as Extension or Open University

Authority

This policy is issued pursuant to [Section II of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University](#), and as further delegated by the [Standing Delegations of Administrative Authority](#).

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