

Immunization Policy

Immunization requirements are outlined on the enrollment website. Immunizations are required for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (if not administered within the past 10 years) and polio (if initial series and booster have not been given and documented). If students do not have proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella, varicella, or Hepatitis B, the appropriate vaccine must be administered and follow up titers will be performed to verify protection. Failure to adhere to the immunization requirements will result in an administrative leave of absence until the student is in compliance.

Upon enrollment at the Icahn School of Medicine, students must have an annual test to screen for exposure to tuberculosis. Annual PPD or IGRA testing is required of all students. Students can obtain their annual screening through the annual TB screening fairs, and it is the student's responsibility to maintain compliance. Students with a history of a previously positive PPD or IGRA must submit a copy of a chest x-ray report dated within six months of enrollment. Annual screening of these individuals will subsequently be performed with a symptom-based checklist; annual chest x-rays are not required. Students who are recent converters will be managed appropriately with chest x-rays to rule out the presence of active disease and prophylaxis with medications. Failure to follow up with a medical provider and to discuss appropriate management may result in dismissal from the Institution.

Failure to adhere to tuberculosis screening will result in an administrative leave of absence. Students will not be allowed to continue in classes, clerkships, or perform research in their assigned labs.

Individual health information is confidential; however, non-compliance with the above regulations will be forwarded to the Registrar for a "student health hold," and to the individual Program Directors for the Graduate School, or to the Senior Associate Dean of UME and Student Affairs for the School of Medicine.