



Immunization Requirements and Recommendations for University System of Georgia Students

Proof of Immunization or Naturally-Acquired Immunity Required for Some or All Students			
Vaccine	Requirement	Required for:	Notes
Measles (Rubeola)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 doses of live measles containing vaccine (combined measles-mumps-rubella or “MMR” meets this requirement), with first dose at 12 months of age or later and second dose at least 28 days after the first dose, or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity 	Students born in 1957 or later	1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence ¹ . 2) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.
Mumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 doses of live mumps containing vaccine (combined measles-mumps-rubella or “MMR” meets this requirement), with first dose at 12 months of age or later and second dose at least 28 days after the first dose, or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity 	Students born in 1957 or later	1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence ¹ . 2) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.
Rubella (German Measles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 dose at 12 months of age or later (MMR meets this requirement), or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity 	Students born in 1957 or later	1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence ¹ . 2) For students born before 1957, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.

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Varicella (Chicken Pox)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 doses spaced at least 3 months apart if both doses are given before the student's 13th birthday, or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart, if first dose given after the student's 13th birthday: or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reliable history of varicella disease ("chicken pox"), or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laboratory/serologic evidence of immunity or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History of herpes zoster (shingles) 	<p>All <u>U.S born</u> students born during or after 1980</p> <p>All foreign-born students regardless of year born</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Guidelines exist for vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence¹. 2) For students born before 1980, proof of immunity may be required if enrolled in health care curriculum.
Tetanus, Diphtheria Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One dose of Tdap for persons if they have not previously received Tdap. or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One Td or Tdap booster dose if it has been 10 years after receiving Tdap. 	All students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tdap can be administered regardless of interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine. 2) Tetanus/diphtheria containing boosters are recommended every 10 years throughout adulthood. A single dose of Tdap is recommended to replace a single dose of Td. 3) Students who are unable to document a primary series of 3 doses of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine (DTaP, DTP, or Td) are strongly advised to complete a 3-dose primary series.

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Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 dose hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 4-6 months), or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 dose combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 6-12 months), or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 dose hepatitis B series of Recombivax™ (0 and 4-6 months, given at 11-15 years of age), or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory / serologic evidence of immunity or prior infection 	<p>Required for all students who will be 18 years of age or less at matriculation.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that all students, regardless of their age at matriculation, discuss hepatitis B immunization with their health care provider.</p>	May be required (along with recommended post-vaccine serologic testing) for students in the health sciences, regardless of age at matriculation.
Signed Documentation Stating that Student Has Received the Vaccine <u>OR</u> Reviewed Information Provided as Required by House Bill 504 Required for Some Students			
Vaccine	Requirement	Required for:	Notes
Meningococcal ACWY (MCV4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) for unvaccinated persons or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) for persons who received initial dose of MenACWY more than five years prior to admittance. or <p>Signed documentation that student (or parent or guardian if student <18 years old) has received and reviewed information about meningococcal disease as required by O.C.G.A. § 31-12-3.2</p>	Newly admitted freshmen or matriculated students <u>planning to reside in university managed campus housing or residing in sorority or fraternity houses.</u>	<p>1) Effective July 1, 2015, HB 504 amended Code Section 31-12-3.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meningococcal disease vaccinations and disclosures "In accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, newly admitted students who are 18 years of age or older residing in campus housing as defined by the postsecondary educational institution or residing in sorority or fraternity houses shall be required to sign a document provided by the postsecondary educational institution stating that he or she has received vaccination against meningococcal disease not more than five years prior to such admittance or reviewed the information provided as required by subsection (a) of this Code section. If a student is a minor, only a parent or guardian may sign such document."</p>

Immunization Recommended for All Students		
Vaccine	Recommended Schedule	Notes
Meningococcal B (Men B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 dose Men B series of Bexsero™ or Trumenba™ (0 and 6 months) or - 3 dose Men B series of Bexsero™ or Trumenba™ (0, 1-2, and 6 months) 	Consider for unvaccinated students younger than 23 years
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual vaccination at the start of influenza season (October – March) 	Strongly recommended for students with medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, or immunodeficiencies, as well as for students residing in dormitories or other group living situations or who are members of athletic teams.
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2-dose HPV series. Vaccination initiated before 15th birthday; the recommended schedule is 2 doses; dose #2 given 6-12 months after dose #1. or - 3-dose HPV series. Vaccination initiated after 15th birthday or for certain medical conditions; the recommended schedule is 3 doses; dose #2 1-2 months after dose #1, and dose #3 is given 6 months after dose #1 (at least 10 wks. after dose #2). 	Strongly recommended for all unvaccinated males and females through age 26 yrs.
Hepatitis A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 dose hepatitis A series (0 and 6-12 months), or - 3 dose combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B series (0, 1-2, and 6-12 months) 	Strongly recommended for: persons traveling to countries where hepatitis A is moderately or highly endemic, men who have sex with men, users of injectable and noninjectable drugs, persons with clotting-factor disorders, and persons with chronic liver disease
Pneumococcal Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For adults 65 years or older 1 dose of PCV20 or 1 dose of PCV15 followed by 1 dose of PPSV23 ≥1 year later if not previously vaccinated with a dose of PCV13, PCV15, or PCV20. A minimum of 8 weeks between PCV15 and PPSV23 can be considered for adults with immunocompromising conditions such as cochlear implant or cerebrospinal fluid leak. 	Revaccination with pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine every 5 years after persons is 65 years, is NOT recommended ¹

Other Vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other vaccines may be recommended for students with underlying medical conditions and students planning international travel. Students meeting these criteria should consult with their physicians or health clinic regarding additional vaccine recommendations. 	
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References:

1. For guidance on specific conditions, refer to [Vaccine-Specific Recommendations](#)

Additional Resources:

CDC. Recommended Immunization Schedules for Teens and Preteens: [Vaccine Schedules For You and Your Family](#)

Georgia Department of Public Health, Immunization Program: [Vaccines and Immunizations](#)

[Immunize.org](#)

American College Health Association (ACHA). www.acha.org/ACHA/Resources/Topics/Vaccine.aspx