

Mandatory Health and Immunization Requirements

Health Screening Unit: The New York University College of Dentistry employs a registered nurse (R.N.) on-site at the Kriser Dental Center to assist students in fulfilling mandatory health requirements. The Health Screening Unit (HSU) office (Weissman Building, Room 1162), a component of the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions, has been established to assist NYUCD students toward completion of the vaccinations required for attendance at the College of Dentistry. Entering students must provide proof of the following:

Physical Exam: Entering students must have a physical examination within six months prior to the start of classes and performed to the specifications of the physical examination form.

Mantoux TB Skin Test: All entering students must have proof of a TB skin test six months prior to the start of classes. A Mantoux, not Tine, test is required. Students with proof of a positive reaction to the skin test should not retest, but it is mandatory to provide the exact date of their positive test and the date of a chest X-ray taken after. Even if the student had BCG, he or she is required to present proof that a skin test has been taken and date of the test. A chest X-ray must be within six months prior to the start of classes. A copy of the Radiology Report is required. The tuberculin test must be read within 72 hours of administration. The test must be administered before an MMR vaccine and may be taken at the same time as hepatitis or tetanus vaccines.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella: For students born before January 1, 1957, NYUCD requires proof of immunity to rubella. Exact immunization dates must be recorded on the enclosed form and initialed by the student's doctor. Acceptable proofs include childhood immunization cards, school or college immunization records, or doctors' records. In the absence of immunizations, one can have a blood test (titer) to prove one's immunity. A copy of the lab report must be submitted if a titer was done, or the student must be immunized again.

For students born after December 31, 1956, New York State requires two measles vaccines, one on or after the student's first birthday, and the second vaccine one month after the first one. One mumps vaccine and one rubella vaccine are also required.

Varicella: Students immune to varicella should submit a copy of the lab report with the titer. Students not immune to varicella must complete two vaccines given 30 days apart. The two vaccines must be completed prior to orientation.

Hepatitis B: NYUCD requests that students demonstrate immunity to the hepatitis B virus. Students vaccinated or those who have reason to believe they have natural immunity because of previous exposure, or because they lived in an area where hepatitis B infection is common, must present proof of a laboratory test for antibody to the virus (anti HB). Students not immune to hepatitis B must complete a three vaccination series over a six-month period. Students are required to have the first two doses prior to orientation. On completion of the three vaccines, the student must then provide a laboratory report of his or her immune status. Females who believe they are pregnant must provide a physician's confirmation letter including expected delivery date and the lab result for Anti HepBs. Hepatitis B vaccine is not contraindicated during pregnancy, but the decision to vaccinate should be made in consultation with the student's physician.

Tetanus/Diphtheria: Entering students must present evidence of tetanus and diphtheria (TD) within 10 years of their first day at the College. Exact date of vaccine must be indicated on the enclosed form.

Meningitis: The American College Health Association currently recommends that college students under the age of 25 living in residence halls consider getting vaccinated against meningococcal disease. For further information, call the Health Screening Unit at 212-998-9314.

Students may fax their paperwork to 212-995-4259 or 4240 or mail completed packet one month prior to orientation to NYUCD/Health Screening Unit, 345 East 24th Street, #1162W, New York, NY 10010-4086. Note: Exact dates are required for all immunizations. Incomplete documents will be returned. Documents in foreign languages must be accompanied by English translation and certified for accuracy.