

Student Immunization Policy

I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines vaccination requirements for all students.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all students who attend classes on campus, with the exception of students in the Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) and limited residency summer graduate programs.

III. STATEMENT

Goucher College developed the following pre-entrance immunization requirements based on recommendations of the American College Health Association, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Center for Disease Control, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

A. Required Vaccinations for All Students Before Starting Classes

Goucher College requires that every student (undergraduate, graduate, post-baccalaureate pre-medical, Goucher II) who attends classes on campus or who has an on-campus component to their program, with the exception of students in APSI or limited residency summer graduate programs, **must show proof of receiving the following vaccinations before coming onto campus:**

1. COVID-19 vaccine
2. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine: 2 doses
3. Tetanus-Diphtheria: one dose (TDAP) within the last 10 years or Td booster
4. Completed TB Screen*

**IF TB Screen results as HIGH risk: PPD skin test for tuberculosis: required within two years of admission; Quantiferon Gold Blood testing for TB or Chest X-ray (if a history of positive PPD).*

B. Additional Required Vaccinations for Residential Students Before Moving onto Campus

In addition to the vaccinations listed in Section A, Maryland state law (Section 18-102b of the Annotated Code of Maryland) requires every residential student be vaccinated against **meningococcal disease** or decline this requirement by submitting a written waiver stating that they have received the information and have chosen not to be vaccinated against the disease.

C. Recommended Vaccinations

The following vaccinations are recommended, not required:

1. COVID-19 Booster doses recommended by CDC
2. Hepatitis B vaccine: 3 doses
3. Hepatitis A vaccine: 2 doses
4. Varicella vaccine: 2 doses (if no history of chickenpox)
5. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine: 2 doses
6. Annual influenza (flu) vaccine

IV. DEFINITIONS

A. **Medical Exemption:** An approved exemption to vaccination due to a documented medical condition or specific allergy that prevents an individual from receiving the vaccine.

B. **Religious Exemption:** An approved exemption to vaccination due to documented religious principles.

V. PROCESS

Before moving on campus and or before the first day of classes, first-year students must upload an Immunization Record completed and signed by a healthcare provider to the student's Mediat patient portal or fax it to the Student Health Center (SHC) 410-337-6051. The annual deadline is on or around July 15 and is communicated on the SHC website, Mediat, and through the Onboarding team communications to incoming first-year students.

Exemption forms are on the SHC [website](#), in the student's Mediat account, or can be requested by emailing healthforms@goucher.edu. Students requesting a medical or religious exemption should upload a completed [exemption form](#) and supporting documentation to their Mediat account or fax it to the SHC (410-337-6051). Exemptions must be approved before moving on to campus and before the first day of classes.

To waive the meningitis vaccinations, students can fill out the Meningitis Waiver form located in their Mediat account.

VI. RESOURCES

Please visit the SCH [website](#) for more information, including instructions on using the Medicat patient portal.

[American College Health Association Immunization Recommendations for College Students](#)

[CDC National Immunization Program](#)

VII. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

For more information or questions about this policy, please contact the Student Health Center at healthforms@goucher.edu.

VIII. HISTORY

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