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.

III. POLICY 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 must show proof of receiving the following vaccinations before coming onto campus:

1. COVID-19 vaccine: students are required to stay up to date on their COVID-19 immunization, according to current CDC definitions
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).

5. Influenza: annually by the deadline indicated on the Student Health Center website.

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. Hepatitis B vaccine: 3 doses
2. Hepatitis A vaccine: 2 doses
3. Varicella vaccine: 2 doses (if no history of chickenpox)
4. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine: 2 doses

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, students must upload an Immunization Record completed and signed by a healthcare provider to the student’s Medicat patient portal or fax it to the Student Health Center (SHC) 410-337-6051.

Exemption forms are on the Student Health Center website or by emailing healthforms@goucher.edu. Students requesting a medical or religious exemption should upload a completed exemption form and supporting documentation to their Medicat account or fax it to the Student Health Center (410-337-6051). Exemptions must be approved before moving on to campus and before the first day of classes.

VI. RESOURCES
Please visit the Student Health Center website for more information, including annual due dates and 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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