IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS – UNC DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Documentation of required immunizations is a very important matter for all health care professionals and something you will be required to do throughout your career. Students at the UNC School of Dentistry are required to meet immunization requirements set by the State of North Carolina AND additional requirements established by all Health Affairs Schools, including the School of Dentistry. Your acceptance to the UNC Dental Assisting Program is contingent upon your completion of the immunization requirements and submission of the documentation by June 16, 2017. We understand that some immunizations cannot be completed by this deadline (HepB Series), in which case you will have until August 1, 2017. Failure to have immunizations completed by the August 1st deadline will result in suspension from the program, and you will not be re-admitted until they are complete.

STATE REQUIREMENTS

The State of North Carolina immunization requirements and the School of Dentistry immunization requirements for dental assisting, dental hygiene and doctor of dental surgery students currently include:

- One Tdap booster after completion of the primary series. Three DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), Td (tetanus, diphtheria), or Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) doses (this fulfills the primary series requirement) that did not include a Tdap and then a Td vaccine every 10 years thereafter.
- Three Polio (unless greater than 18 years of age).
- Two Measles (rubeola), two Mumps, one Rubella (two MMR doses meet this requirement) or positive titers.
- Hepatitis B series (not required for individuals born before July 1, 1994). See School of Dentistry requirement below.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REQUIREMENTS

Every student entering the program must complete these. If your doctor says you don’t need these, go to a doctor that will give them to you.

- Varicella vaccine:
  A positive titer with serologic evidence is required or two immunizations completed 4-6 weeks apart.
- Tuberculosis (TB):
  Two-step Tuberculosis Skin Test (TST) or a QuantiFERON Gold blood test (single blood draw). A two-step TST requires the student to have two skin tests within the last year completed prior to matriculation. Documentation must include both placement and read dates, millimeters of induration and signature of the nurse/physician on clinic letterhead. If the TST is positive, the student must provide documentation of a subsequent chest X-ray, additional treatments, if any, and clearance from their physician. It is recommended that the TSTs be done one-to-three weeks apart; however, if one TST was done within the past 12 months, only one more TST is needed.
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap):
  One (1) booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is required. Do not confuse Tdap with Td.
- Hepatitis B:
  A series of three (3) Hepatitis B immunizations and a quantitative* Hepatitis B surface antibody titer consistent with immunity are required. Please ensure your physician does not order a qualitative titer. A titer is required one month after completion of the series for proof of immunity to Hepatitis B. If your titer is negative (too low to benefit from a booster shot), you must repeat the series, which will take 7 months; so get a titer IMMEDIATELY.

*Important Note:
  - Quantitative test: a quantitative test report is a numerical value. Hepatitis B titer must be reported as quantitative.
  - A qualitative test simply states that one is “positive or negative” for antibodies.
  - If your test results are qualitative, you will be required to repeat the test and report them as quantitative.

UNC requires entering students to present a certificate of immunization from a physician or local health department prior to matriculate.

The matriculating student is required to submit a certificate of immunizations to UNC Campus Health Services (CHS) by a published and specified date (see website for dates). Through ConnectCarolina, CHS will notify students who are not in compliance with the
Individuals who have not met the state immunization requirements after 30 calendar days from the first date of attendance will be administratively withdrawn from the University by the University Registrar.

Documentation of the required vaccinations and requirements for all Health Affairs and Allied Health Students must be sent to Campus Health Services:

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<td>Attn: Health Information Management</td>
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<td>Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7470</td>
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In addition, you must send a copy to:

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<td>Attn: Tracy Wetherby Williams, RDH, MPH</td>
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<td>Clinical Affairs</td>
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Include this information on ALL documents:
- Dental Assisting, PID, email, phone number

Students with deficiencies in the additional immunization requirements of the School of Dentistry will be notified of the deficiencies by the UNC School of Dentistry Compliance Coordinator. The School of Dentistry will work with students to meet these additional requirements. The failure to comply with the School of Dentistry’s requirements after consultation with the Compliance Coordinator and the agreed upon resolution schedule will result in administrative withdrawal from the School of Dentistry.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Additional annual requirements include tuberculosis screening and verification of health insurance. CPR training is required on a biennial basis.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is strongly recommended that each student obtain a yearly influenza vaccine.
- One of the consequences of the delivery of health care is the possibility of contracting an infectious disease such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, HIV or herpes. To minimize this risk, the School of Dentistry has adopted an Infection Control Policy that requires the wearing of a clinical overgarment, disposable gloves, a mask and protective eye covering when oral examinations and dental procedures are being performed.

For more information about the State of North Carolina requirements, please visit the following website: [http://campushealth.unc.edu/services/immunizations/north-carolina-required-immunciations-entering-students](http://campushealth.unc.edu/services/immunizations/north-carolina-required-immunciations-entering-students) or call 919-966-2281.

Students engaged in patient care activities are required to know their tuberculosis and hepatitis B (HBV) status, and are encouraged to learn their hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV status. State regulations require health care workers, including students, who perform surgical or dental procedures, or who assist in such procedures in a way that may result in an exposure of patients to their blood, and who know themselves to be infected with HIV or HBV, to report their status to the state health director.

According to UNC’s Policy on HIV-Infected and HBV-Infected Employees and Students Who Are Engaged in University Patient-Care Activities (www.unc.edu/campus/policies/hiv_hbv.html): “HIV-infected or HBV-infected applicants for enrollment in the schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing and certain other fields involved in patient care may wish to evaluate their career goals. First, they may wish to consider the implications of electing a prolonged period of medical, dental, nursing, or other education, with the significant possibility that they will become disabled during training or early in their career. Second, they may wish to consider various career choices because of the hazards of their exposure to infection in certain portions of medical, dental, nursing or other patient-care fields of education and practice. Third, they may wish to evaluate career choices after recognizing that barriers to certain exposure-prone procedures and fields of specialization within medicine, dentistry, nursing, or other patient-care fields may be imposed because of possible risks of infection to patients. Fourth, they may wish to consider the financial costs of such education in light of the personal health and career uncertainties that confront them. Students may seek additional advice through the Office of Student Services of the school in question.”