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HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATIONS (A3.07a)

Healthcare workers are at risk for exposure to serious diseases. As such, immunizations are an important part of PA student requirements, to protect the health of the patient and to maintain personal wellness. Upon matriculation into the PA Program, students must satisfy health requirements of the PA Program, clinical sites and Yeshiva University.

The Yeshiva University PA program immunization policy also complies with NYS immunization laws for healthcare workers. CDC recommendations, with a link to NYS immunization laws, can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html>

Yeshiva University will require the following proof of immunizations from PA students before they can matriculate into the program:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella: MMR titers.
- Varicella: Varicella titer.
- TB: IGRA QuantiFERON or TB skin test (TST) at least annually.
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis: Tdap vaccination within 10 years.
- Meningococcal vaccination: one booster dose recommended.
- Hepatitis B: Complete vaccination series followed by Hep B Surface Antibody serum study 2 months after final dose or positive hepatitis B titers proving immunity.
- Influenza: vaccination annually.
- COVID-19: vaccination proof

PA students must complete the immunizations listed above, provide completed health forms prior to the commencement of both didactic and clinical years of study, and are responsible for any financial costs related to immunizations or testing. These tests may be necessary to repeat these tests depending on age of results and clinical site requirements.

Students must comply with policies and regulations in the healthcare settings in which they are assigned for supervised clinical practice experiences.

Failure to provide immunization records as directed may result in blocked registration, enrollment/matriculation and financial aid.

Immunizations and Clinical Experiences

Should a student request a vaccine exemption, please note that the exemption does not automatically apply to external supervised clinical practice experiences. External clinical



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sites reserve the right to set the requirements for their individual organizations including proof of immunizations. However, the program cannot guarantee placement for exempted students, which may impact the student's ability to timely meet programmatic requirements including graduation.

The PA program does not offer required or elective international curricular components.
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