

Graduate Student Immunization Requirements

Purpose: To ensure graduate student immunization compliance required by the University of the South

Policy: All matriculating graduate students, regardless of age, are required to have proof* of vaccination or immunity of the following:

1. Two doses of **Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)** (vaccine, proof of immunity to each, or date of birth prior to 1957 acceptable). Adults born in 1957 or later without acceptable evidence of immunity should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine unless they have a medical contraindication to the vaccine, e.g., pregnancy or severe immunodeficiency;
2. Three doses of **Hepatitis B**;
3. Two doses of **Varicella** (vaccine, proof of immunity, or date of infection acceptable);
4. **Tuberculin screening within the last 6 months** of matriculation;
5. **Tdap** vaccine within the last ten years. If only Td (tetanus and diphtheria) or tetanus vaccine is on record, a Tdap must be administered;
6. **Meningococcal** vaccine**. If you are living in a residential hall and are under the age of 22 and have not had a meningococcal vaccine after the age of 16 years, you are required to have a booster meningococcal vaccine.

*Students without proof of vaccine can obtain proof of immunity through laboratory screening. Documentation from a health care provider without laboratory confirmation is not acceptable evidence of immunity.

**If you are over the age of 22 and you intend to live in a residential hall on campus, you are encouraged to speak with your healthcare provider about their recommendations regarding this vaccine.