

General Information

Q: What are the immunization requirements for students entering institutions of higher education?

A: According to the Higher Education Rules, N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.1, the requirements within this subchapter apply to the following:

- **All** new or continuing full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students, International and English Learning Program (ELP) enrolled in a program of study leading to an academic degree. Students enrolled in Cooper Medical School at Rowan University (CMSRU) or Rowan Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine must submit evidence of immunizations to their respective program, which may have additional immunization requirements.
 - **Three Hepatitis B** vaccines are required for students taking 12 or more credits per semester
 - **Two Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)** vaccines are required for all students born after 1956.
 - **Meningococcal ACWY (Menactra®, Menveo®, or MenQuadfi®) dated on our after-student's 16th birthday** is required for all students 18 years and younger, all residential students, and individuals with certain high risk conditions as indicated on the Online Wellness Center Requirements form.
 - **Meningococcal B (Bexsero® or Trumenba®)** is recommended for all students and required for individuals with certain high risk conditions as indicated on the Online Wellness Center Requirements form.
 - **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)** is recommended for all students and required for all NCAA Athletes.

Q: Are NJ Immunization and Rowan University requirements in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and ACIP guidelines?

A: Yes, requirements are in accordance with the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians, and CDC/Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). However, NJ establishes the minimum vaccine requirements for attendance.

Q: When do students need to show proof of immunization?

A: Immunization records must be submitted to Rowan University Student Health Services by the published deadlines. Updates to immunization records must be provided to the Wellness Center as soon as they are received. Vaccines should be **written in English** and **administration dates should be listed by month, day and year**. This allows us to verify the



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immunizations were administered in the appropriate time frame set forth by New Jersey Department of Health. For the Hepatitis B vaccine administered “at the hospital” or “at birth” is acceptable for the first dose.

Q: Where do I get a copy of my immunization record?

A: Your provider is usually the best place to get a copy of your immunization record. Your high school is another source for immunization records. Your immunization record must come from a health professional and students are not permitted to complete immunization forms themselves. The Wellness Center has an interface with the New Jersey Immunization Registry. If a student has records in the registry and the information in the registry matches with our system, they will be shared with the Wellness Center.

Q: What do I do if I cannot find my immunization record?

A: Sometimes individuals aren't able to obtain a copy of their immunization records or their records are incomplete. In these cases we recommend having blood titers drawn. Blood titers are not recommended if you know that you have not received the required immunizations.

Q: What are blood titers?

A: Blood titers are a test to determine if you are immune to a specific disease. A lab will draw your blood and based on your antibody levels to a specific disease they will determine if you are immune from the disease. Results must show you are positive for immunity. Equivocal results are not positive for immunity and a booster will be required. Additional titers or immunizations may be required depending on whether the booster met the needed requirements. Your provider or Student Health Services is able to write you a script for blood titers for you. Blood titers can be drawn to determine immunity for Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Hepatitis B.

Q: Can I get vaccines at Student Health Services?

A: Student Health Services does provide state required vaccines to students. However, SHS does not bill insurances. Students will have to pay for immunizations out of pocket and request reimbursement from their insurance company. Students who purchase the university health insurance plan through Aetna are able to get vaccinated at Student Health Services at no cost.

Q: When are the late fees charged?

A: Student Health Services does its best to work with students and any challenges with submitting the proper documentation. Regular updates and reminders are sent via U.S. mail, email, text messaging and phone calls to ensure that all students comply with the submission deadlines **(Summer & Fall enrollment – June 15th, Spring enrollment – December 15th)**. In addition, a grace period may be allotted for those who have special circumstances. A late fee of

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\$50 will be assessed if you do not have any documentation into the Wellness Center on or before the grace period. An additional \$50 late fee and a hold on your Banner account will be assessed if you are not completely compliant with your documentation after an additional grace period. This hold will prevent you from registering for classes, dropping/adding classes, and viewing grades.

Q: What does Rowan University require?

A: All Rowan University students must show evidence of 2 doses of combined MMR vaccine or 2 doses of each individual Measles, Mumps and Rubella. New Jersey requires the first immunization be given no earlier than 12 months of age. The second dose cannot be received until at least 28 days after the first dose. Students with dates that do not meet these requirements may choose to have blood titers or a booster dose.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella

Q: What is Measles, Mumps and Rubella?

A: Measles, Mumps and Rubella, commonly known as MMR, is a childhood vaccination. This vaccine is most commonly administered as a combination. However, there may be records of the vaccine administered separately, typically in our adult or international population. Measles may also be shown as Rubeola.

Hepatitis B Vaccine

Q: How many doses of Hepatitis B are required for entry to Rowan University?

A: According to NJ immunization regulations and Rowan University policy, the **3-dose Hepatitis B series, or age appropriate 2-dose series**, is required for all students taking 12 credits or more. The following minimum intervals have been deemed acceptable by the NJ Department of Health and CDC:

- The minimum interval between the first and second dose:
 - 1 month or 4 weeks or 28 days after the first dose
- There are three minimum intervals that must be met for the third dose:
 - 4 months or 16 weeks or 112 days after first dose
 - 2 months or 8 weeks or 56 days after second dose
 - 6 months or 24 weeks or 168 days after birth

Q: I have not received the Hepatitis B series and won't be able to complete by the submission deadline?

A: If you have one or none of the Hepatitis B immunizations, New Jersey State Law allows you up to 6 months from your enrollment date to complete the series. If you have documentation of two immunizations you are allowed up to 4 months from your enrollment date to complete the series. The additional grace period allowed by New Jersey State Law is not meant for you to delay receiving the Hepatitis B immunizations you are eligible to receive according to the minimal intervals listed in the above question. Students submitting incomplete Hepatitis B records that do not follow the minimal intervals will be regarded as non-compliant and subject to a late fee.

Meningococcal Vaccine (Meningitis)

Q: Is meningitis vaccine required for entry into Rowan?

A: Yes, the Meningococcal ACWY (Menactra®, Menveo®, or MenQuadfi®) is required. You will not be allowed to move into housing if you have not submitted appropriate meningitis vaccine documentation. Meningococcal ACWY, *dated on or after the student's 16th birthday* is required for all students 18 years and younger. It is also required for individuals with certain high risk conditions as indicated on the Online Wellness Center Requirements form.

Meningococcal B (Bexsero® or Trumenba®) is recommended for all students and required for individuals with certain high risk conditions as indicated on the Online Wellness Center Requirements form.

Tuberculosis Testing

Q: What is a tuberculosis test and do I need one?

A: As of May 15th, 2024, all international students are required to have an IGRA (Quantiferon Gold or TSpot) blood test performed in the United States prior to the beginning of their first semester if they were born in or have traveled for more than a month to any of the countries listed below. Additionally, every student must complete a Online Tuberculosis Questionnaire as a part of the [Wellness Center Requirements](#). Students must submit the lab results from an IGRA blood test performed in the United States dated within 12 months prior to the start of classes if they answer yes to any of the screening questions.

Q: What countries are included in the tuberculosis testing requirement?

A: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Anguilla, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, China Hong Kong SAR, China Macao SAR, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini,

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Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greenland, Guam, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tokelau, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Q: I am not a US citizen and I was not born in one of the countries listed above?

A: Students who are born in a country of low risk for tuberculosis may apply for a IGRA waiver on the [Wellness Center patient portal](#) after completing the Online Tuberculosis Questionnaire.

Q: Where can I get an IGRA test for tuberculosis?

A: Rowan University will perform this test during orientation prior to the start of the semester, free of charge. Clinic times will be communicated by the International Office well in advance of the August or January orientation. If testing is required after this period, students will be referred to a partner lab where they can use insurance or pay out of pocket. Contact the Wellness Center for more information at 856-256-4333.

Q: What if my IGRA is positive? What are the next steps?

A: Students with a positive IGRA must get a chest xray and submit the radiology report to the [Wellness Center](#). Students will complete a TB risk assessment after submitting the report. After obtaining a chest xray the student must meet with a medical provider to discuss treatment options. Contact the Wellness Center with any questions at 856-256-4333.

Q: What if I have had a past positive tuberculosis test?

A: Students with a history of positive tuberculosis testing in the past **should not** be retested, but must submit a chest xray report from the past 12 months and complete a risk assessment. If you have had treatment in the past, you must submit medical records confirming treatment to the [Wellness Center](#).

Tdap Vaccine

Q: Is Tdap required for entry into Rowan?



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A: Tdap, the common name for a combination vaccine containing Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis, is strongly recommended for all students. Tdap is required for students participating in NCAA Athletics. Students must have received the vaccine within 10 years of entrance to Rowan.

Recommended Vaccines

Q: What other vaccines are recommended?

A: The Wellness Center recommends all students stay current with the [CDC vaccination guidelines](#) including COVID-19, Influenza, HPV, and Hepatitis A. Influenza vaccines will be available to students during the Fall and Winter at no cost.