



University of Colorado
Denver

**Campus Administrative
Policy**

Policy Title: Student Immunization Requirements and Compliance

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Approved by: Interim Provost, Pamela Jansma

Applies to: University of Colorado Denver Campus

A. INTRODUCTION

This policy addresses immunization requirements for current and newly enrolled students (undergraduate and graduate) at the University of Colorado Denver Campus. The State of Colorado has established basic immunization requirements for students at institutions of higher education.

This policy describes the process for ensuring and certifying compliance with basic and expanded immunization requirements at the CU Denver campus.

B. POLICY STATEMENTS

1. All continuing and newly enrolled CU Denver students (except those in fully online subplans and those in Extended Studies) must comply with the basic immunization requirements as described in this policy.
2. Students enrolled in clinically based or research programs at CU Denver must comply with the expanded immunization certification requirements established by the clinic/research program (see section E) and/or requirements from their clinic.
3. Students who do not comply with the immunization requirements described in this policy may not be allowed to enroll in succeeding terms and/or be assigned to clinical/research programs until the requirements are met.
4. Students enrolled exclusively in extended studies and students enrolled in

exclusively online courses or programs (their degree must indicate a fully online subplan) are not required to adhere to the immunization requirement.

5. Students required to meet the basic and expanded immunization requirements may be assessed a fee for immunization management services.
6. Student immunization records are protected information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Health information contained in some immunization records also may be protected information under the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). These records must, therefore, be stored and maintained in a secure manner.
7. CU Denver participates in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Immunizations given by the Health Center at Auraria will be entered into CIIS. Other information such as past immunization records provided to the university, gender, and the office where each shot is given will be included in the registry to be sure that your record is accurate and cannot be confused with another patient's. All information entered into CIIS is secure and confidential. Under Colorado State Law, a person can exclude immunization information from participation. For more information on CIIS Opt-Out please visit their [website](#).

C. MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

1. Self-identified medical and non-medical exemptions to the requirements are allowed by law. For students who wish to complete a medical or non-medical exemption from the MMR vaccination requirement, please follow the [exemption requirements](#) from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). For meningococcal (meningitis) ACWY exemptions, see section D6.
2. Students are subject to the current state regulations and public health orders governing quarantines in case of outbreaks as well as university policies related to forfeiture of tuition and fees.

D. CU DENVER BASIC IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS (NON-CLINICAL, NON-RESEARCH)

1. All regular enrolled students (undergraduate and graduate) at CU Denver are required to provide the following documentation by the posted due dates (e.g., October 1 if matriculating in summer or fall terms and March 1 if matriculating in spring term). All regular newly enrolled CU Denver students must comply with these basic [immunization requirements](#):
 - a. Auraria Immunization [Compliance Form](#)
 - b. Proof of Immunization or Exemption/Waiver Form
 - MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) – Required for ALL enrolled

students

- Meningitis ACWY (meningococcal) – Required for any student living in on-campus Housing

c. Tuberculosis Disease Information and Self Screening

2. Other degree, non-degree, and certificate students in non-clinical/research programs at the Denver campus may be required to meet the expanded immunization/immunity policy of their program administrators to fulfill student, programmatic, and community health care needs.
3. **Students born after January 1, 1957** must provide documented proof that they have received **two** rubeola (measles), **two** rubella (German measles), and **two** mumps vaccinations **OR two combination** MMR vaccinations (measles, mumps, and rubella).
4. **Students born before January 1, 1957** must submit the Auraria Immunization Compliance Form. Students will only need to answer the 1st question regarding age, fill in their personal information, and answer the question about living in campus housing. Those in this age group are exempt from the MMR requirement since it is assumed that these students have been exposed to the diseases.
5. Options for submitting the required proof of immunization or immunity may include:
 - Certificate of Immunization signed by a physician nurse or school authority.
 - Copy of medical records from a physician that outlines a student's immunization history.
 - Proof of personal history of measles, mumps, and rubella verified through blood titer tests.
 - Official International Certificate of Immunization.
 - Copy of immunization official records from [CIIS](#) (Colorado Immunization Information System)
6. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute C.R.S. 23-5-128, newly enrolled students and students living in on-campus housing who have not received (or choose not to receive) a vaccination against meningococcal disease (MenACWY) are required to complete the Health Center at Auraria's Immunization Compliance Form stating that the signor has reviewed the information and will either submit proof of vaccination within the last 5 years or sign the waiver indicating that they will not obtain a vaccination against meningococcal disease.

If the student is under 18 years of age, the student's parent/guardian must be given this information. Although this requirement only includes the MenACWY vaccine, the MenB vaccine is also highly recommended for all

students, not solely students in campus housing.

7. The Tuberculosis Disease Information and Self Screening is located at the Health Center of Auraria's [website](#) on the immunization requirements page. When reviewing the risk assessment questions, if a student answers "yes" to any of the questions or if they have any of the symptoms listed in the risk assessment, it is recommended they consult with a medical provider or call the health center for additional evaluation.
8. The management of immunization/immunity requirements and compliance will be carried out by campus-based immunization services or outside contracted agencies (e.g., CU Denver Registrar, CU Denver Student Success, Health Center at Auraria) in a manner best suited to campus needs and resources.

E. CU DENVER EXPANDED IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CLINICALLY BASED AND/OR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

All students entering clinically based health care training programs at CU Denver may be required to submit documented proof of tuberculin (TB) screening/ testing and immunization for or immunity to an expanded list of infectious diseases prior to matriculation and the start of their first term. Students should work with their program to determine vaccine requirements.

1. The diseases for which immunization or immunity must be documented are described in guidelines issued and periodically revised by the CDC and mandated prior to patient contact. Diseases covered have included measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), chicken pox (varicella), polio, hepatitis B, and diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP or Tdap) and may include emergent ones in the future. Annual tuberculin (TB) skin testing is also mandatory for all continuing students enrolled in clinical programs and who have not previously tested positive.
2. Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are strongly recommended annually for all those involved in clinical health care training and delivery. Individual programs may, at their option, require annual influenza or other public health emergency vaccinations for their students.
3. Options for submitting the required proof of immunization or immunity may include those listed above in D.5, but specific requirements may vary by program.
4. Each school or college program with students assigned to clinical or research settings will determine and monitor if and when new or continuing students need other medical tests, procedures, or equipment to meet regulatory

compliance requirements related to their activities (e.g., TB screening or testing, CPR or BLS certification, n95 mask fitting, etc.). Unless otherwise arranged, students are responsible for obtaining and paying for those medical services not covered by their insurance plans.

Notes

1. History:

- Initial Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2013
- Dates of official enactment and amendments:
- Modified on October 26, 2018, to reflect a 2018 Campus-wide effort to recast and revitalize Campus policy sites into a standardized and more coherent set of chaptered policy statement organized around the several operational divisions of the university. Article links, University branding, and formatting updated by the provost's office.
- Supersedes Student Immunization Requirements and Compliance (January 1, 2013)
- Adopted by CU Denver Chancellor's Office on May 1, 2025
- Split from CU Anschutz Medical Campus on May 1, 2025

2. Cross References/Appendix:

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Immunization Resources: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/child-cares-schools-and-collegesuniversities-immunization-resources>
- CDPHE Vaccine Exemptions: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>
- Health Center at Auraria immunization requirement website: <https://healthcenter1.com/immunization-requirement/>
- Auraria Immunization Compliance Form: <https://healthcenter1.com/auraria-immunization-compliance-form/>
- CU Denver Public Health Response: <https://www.ucdenver.edu/public-health-response>
- CIIS Public Portal to Access Records: <https://ciis.state.co.us/public/Application/PublicPortal>
- CIIS Opt-Out and Rescind Opt-Out Procedures: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/ciis-opt-out-procedures>
- Centers for Disease Control Recommendations on Health Care Personnel Immunizations: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2017.pdf>
- Joint Commission Accreditation and Patient Safety Standards: <http://www.jointcommission.org/>
- University Policy Framework and Hierarchy;
- Board of Regents Policy 3B: Officers of the University and Administration

3. Responsible Office(s)

- Legal
- Office of the Provost