

## Immunization Policy

**Owner Department:** Office of Student Affairs

**Owner:** Associate Dean of Student Affairs

**Affected Department(s) or Parties:** Accepted Applicants, Matriculants, and Students enrolled in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

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### Definitions:

**Accepted Applicant or Acceptee:** A person who has applied to Carle Illinois College of medicine and has been offered conditional admission.

**Matriculant:** Any accepted applicant who has attended the Carle Illinois College of Medicine orientation, for their most recent matriculation year, immediately preceding enrollment in the first credit-bearing course of the curriculum.

**Student:** A person currently enrolled and attending Carle Illinois College of Medicine courses and for whom the University of Illinois maintains an academic record.

As directed by the Carle Illinois College of Medicine each accepted applicant must provide proof of immunity prior to matriculation to certain vaccine-preventable diseases as defined by state law and required by University regulations, as well as any other pertinent medical information (e.g. drug screening, BLS certification, mask fitting) that is required for affiliated clinical sites, research facilities, and other educational activities as part of Carle Illinois as directed by the Office of Student Affairs.

All accepted applicants and students of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine must meet immunization requirements that may exceed University requirements and will generally include the following:

Immunization	Requirements	Notes
MMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of 2 vaccinations <b><u>AND</u></b></li> <li>• Lab report showing positive titers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 doses required at least 28 days apart</li> <li>• If a titer is negative, follow up with one booster. Student is required to seek additional titer to confirm/disconfirm immunity.</li> </ul>
Varicella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of 2 vaccinations <b><u>AND</u></b></li> <li>• Lab report showing positive titers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 doses required at least 28 days apart</li> <li>• If a titer is negative, follow up with one booster. Student is required to seek additional titer to confirm/disconfirm immunity.</li> </ul>
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of series (2 or 3 doses depending on age that you received the vaccine) <b><u>AND</u></b></li> <li>• Lab report showing positive titers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Titer should be drawn 1-2 months after the last dosage. If a titer is negative, repeat the shot series. Student is required to seek additional titer to confirm/disconfirm immunity.</li> </ul>
TB Testing	<p>Initial proof of no active TB infection via one of the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative 2-step TB skin test (1-3 weeks apart)</li> <li>• Negative Quantiferon gold blood test</li> <li>• A clear chest x-ray if either of above is positive. Follow up with symptom review form thereafter on a yearly basis.</li> </ul> <p>Annual proof of no active TB infection via one of the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative 1-step TB skin test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd TB test should be administered 1-3 weeks after the reading of the 1st test.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative QuantiFERON gold blood test</li> <li>• Annual submission of the symptom review form if initial 2-step TB skin test or QuantiFERON gold blood test results were positive.</li> </ul>	
TDaP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of a TDaP booster within the past 10 years</li> </ul>	
Polio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of the completed primary series (at least 3 vaccinations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a student is unable to provide this documentation an explanation must be provided in writing to the Medical Records Officer (MRO).</li> </ul>
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of a flu vaccine administered annually during flu season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those declining annual flu vaccines must wear masks (student provided) in designated areas during flu season.</li> </ul>

- If an accepted applicant does not fulfill the immunization requirements their offer of acceptance to Carle Illinois College of Medicine may be rescinded. Records should be received, and verified, one week prior to the start of Orientation Week unless Student Affairs grants a strict schedule of completion prior to entering clinical experiences.
  - Accepted applicants who are starting, or in the process of completing a vaccination series, will have a completion plan in place and may be subject to a change in clinical assignments until the requirements are met.
  - Accepted applicants who are in the process of completing a vaccination series will be required to adhere to the strictest schedule for completion.
- If a student does not fulfill the annual immunization requirements by the required deadline, he/she/they can be prohibited from beginning or continuing their education and may be cited for professionalism unless permission is granted from Student Affairs to adhere to strictest schedule for completion.
  - Students who are starting, or in the process of completing a vaccination series, will have a completion plan in place and may be subject to a change in clinical assignments until the requirements are met.
  - Students who are in the process of completing a vaccination series will be required to adhere to the strictest schedule for completion.
- Costs associated with the immunizations or lab tests are the responsibility of the accepted applicant or student.

- **Contraindications/Refusals/Non-Responders**
  - If a student has a medical contraindication to receiving a vaccine, documentation from a medical provider must be submitted. Temporary contraindications (e.g. illness, pregnancy) will be handled on a case-by-case basis, but the expectation is that the vaccine requirements will be met as soon as possible once the temporary situation is resolved. Other contraindications will follow applicable guidelines from the CDC.
  - Refusals – Any student's refusal for immunizations will be subject to approval by the Dean of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine and student must adhere to clinical site protocols that may include signing a declination form and wear masks at all times.
  - Non-responders to vaccinations will follow applicable guidelines from the CDC.
- Students may request religious accommodations [via this form](#).

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