

The following health screenings/immunizations and BLS certifications are required for students in College Health Programs at Mercy College of Ohio. IgG Antibody Titer (blood draw) lab reports showing proof of immunity (not vaccination records) are required for most students. Students in non-credit and certificate programs may provide proof of immunization unless titers are required by clinical site.

TB skin testing (TST) or TB blood draw (IGRA) should be completed prior to receiving live vaccines or the COVID vaccine, as these can interfere with TB test results. Students who have already started a vaccination series must wait at least four weeks after the final vaccine to begin the TB process.

Requirements are subject to change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or clinical affiliation site guidelines.

1. **Hepatitis B IgG Antibody Titer – positive**
 - a. If titer is *not* positive:
 - i. 3 new doses of Hepatitis B (3 dose series: 0, 1, 6 months) **AND**
 - ii. Anti-HBs serologic retest 6-8 weeks after final dose
 - OR**
 - iii. 2 doses of Heplisav-B® (HepB-CpG) Vaccine (2 dose series: 0 and 2 months) **AND**
 - iv. Anti-HBs serologic retest 6-8 weeks after final dose
2. **Measles (Rubeola) IgG Antibody Titer – positive**
 - a. If titer is *not* positive:
 - i. 2 doses of MMR (0 and at least 28 days later); no serologic retest necessary
3. **Mumps IgG Antibody Titer – positive**
 - a. If titer is *not* positive:
 - i. 2 doses of MMR (0 and at least 28 days later); no serologic retest necessary
4. **Rubella (German Measles) IgG Antibody Titer – positive**
 - a. If titer is *not* positive:
 - i. 2 doses of MMR (0 and at least 28 days later); no serologic retest necessary
5. **Varicella (Chickenpox) IgG Antibody Titer – positive**
 - a. If titer is *not* positive:
 - i. 2 doses of Varicella (0 and at least 28 days later); no serologic retest necessary
6. **Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) - renews every 10 years**
 - a. Documentation of Tdap during lifetime**AND** (if Tdap is older than 10 years)
 - b. Documentation of adult Td booster or Tdap within past 10 years
7. **Tuberculosis (TB) Screening or TB Blood Draw - one of the following, must be negative; renews annually:**
 - a. 2-step Mantoux PPD at entry followed by annual 1-step PPD
 - b. Previous 2-step Mantoux PPD with subsequent annual 1-step PPD screenings
 - c. Serum T-Spot or QuantiFERON test annually
 - d. In the event student has had the BCG vaccination, serum T-Spot or QuantiFERON test annually

Tuberculosis, continued

If TB screen is positive*, the following is required:

- i. Negative chest X-ray radiology report within past 5 years with negative TB Symptoms Review **AND** annual negative TB Symptoms Review
- ii. If chest X-ray is *not* negative, one of the following is required:
 - a. Confirmation of appropriately collected negative sputum results
 - OR**
 - b. proof of adequate treatment and medical clearance (free from communicable diseases) with appropriate follow-up as indicated by Provider

**NOTE: Physician Assistant students with a positive TB test must show adequate treatment and/or medical clearance as indicated PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.*

All other students with a positive TB test must show adequate treatment and/or medical clearance PRIOR TO CLINICAL OR PRACTICUM ASSIGNMENT.

8. Influenza Immunization - renews annually

9. Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals - renews every two years

Not required for students in *Healthcare Administration, Health Information Technology, and Master of Health Administration*; **all other students must provide Basic Life Support certification from ONE of the following:**

- a. [American Heart Association](#) (AHA)
- b. [American Red Cross](#) (ARC)
- c. American Safety and Health Institute (offered at various locations)

Courses from any other providers will not be accepted.

11. Heartsaver® CPR AED (Community Health Worker students ONLY) – renews every two years; certification from ONE of the following:

- a. [American Heart Association](#) (AHA)
- b. [American Red Cross](#) (ARC)
- c. American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) (offered at various locations)

Courses from any other providers will not be accepted.

Important Information Regarding Additional Requirements: *Some clinical sites may have additional health testing, immunization, and/or titer requirements that are not reflected in this Appendix. Program administrator will notify students when aware of such additional requirements. Students assigned to clinical rotations or requesting to be placed at a specific site with additional requirements must meet the appropriate health requirements as required by that specific site. Documentation showing compliance with additional requirements must be provided to the program administrator to be uploaded to the administrator portal of students' accounts with Vendor. Students are advised to keep copies of such documentation in case individual clinical sites require proof of completion. Costs associated with additional requirements are the responsibility of the student.*