



Attention New UC Students/Parents:

Hepatitis B vaccination is now required by law as a condition of enrollment.

The California State Legislature has mandated first-time enrollees at the University of California who are eighteen years of age or younger to provide proof of immunization against Hepatitis B as a condition of enrollment. **If you will be under 19 on the first day of instruction** you must comply. The vaccine is a series of three doses: The second dose is given one month after the first, and the final dose is given 4-6 months after the second dose.

Other Important Immunization Information

In addition to the standard pediatric immunization series and the Hepatitis B requirement explained above, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommend:

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) Two doses at least one month apart if born after 1956.

Varicella (chickenpox) Two doses one month apart if you have never had chicken pox or if a blood test does not show immunity.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) Adolescents who have already gotten a booster dose of Td are encouraged to get a dose of Tdap as well, for protection against pertussis. Waiting at least 5 years between Td and Tdap is encouraged, but not required.

Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine. College freshman living in residence halls should be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis to reduce the risk of contracting meningococcal disease. The vaccine also is available to any college student wishing to reduce his or her risk.

Meningococcal meningitis vaccine also is recommended for other groups at high risk:

1. People with select immune system deficiencies.
2. People who have had their spleen removed.
3. Certain research and laboratory personnel.
4. Travelers to the African meningitis belt and other selected high risk areas.

For complete information about meningitis and vaccine availability at UHS, please see "Immunization" in the student index at www.uhs.berkeley.edu

To assure compliance and protect enrollment status:

Read carefully the Hepatitis B statement form and complete the appropriate section. Mail the form to:

**University Health Services/Hepatitis B
2222 Bancroft Way, Suite 3220
Berkeley, CA 94720-4300.**

Or Fax to: **(510) 642-1801**

This form must be returned by the deadline on the Hep B form, generally below the start of the first semester attended. Note that your health provider's signature is required for all sections except #5. The signature is not required on a legible copy of your official immunization record.

If you already have completed the immunization series or are immune to Hepatitis B, fill out section #1 or #3, as appropriate.

If you have started the immunization series, complete section #2. **If desired, the series may be completed for a fee at University Health Services, once you arrive on campus.**

Appointments may be scheduled at (510) 643-7177. Bring your immunization record with you. Insurance coverage for members of the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) begins August 15. Non-SHIP members should check their health insurance plans for immunization coverage.

If you have a medical reason for not being immunized, complete section #4.

If Hepatitis B immunization is against your beliefs, read and complete section #5.

If you haven't started the series, don't wait. Take the first step now.

For more information see <http://uhs.berkeley.edu/students/immunization> or call 510/642-5560



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