

Immunization Information for Prospective Students

Recommended Immunizations for all Incoming Student

The following vaccines are recommended but not required for students entering Blinn College. Students are strongly encouraged to review their immunization records to ensure they have received the following vaccines as recommended by the American College Health Association (ACHA). We also recommend that all students have a skin test or blood test to check for Tuberculosis annually during their college career. There is no vaccine for TB, but the disease can be cured with medication.

Vaccine	Vaccination Schedule	Major Indications
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Two doses of MMR at least 28 days apart after 12 months of age	All entering college students born after 1956 without lab evidence of disease or physician diagnosed disease.
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (DTP)(Td)(Tdap)(DTap)	Primary series in childhood of 4 doses: DT, DTap, DTP, or Td with a booster at age 11-18 years with Tdap; then every 10 yrs adults should receive Td	One dose of Tdap for all college students, ages 11-64
Polio Vaccine (IPV) or (OPV)	Primary series in childhood with IPV, OPV, or IPV/OPV sequentially; IVP booster only needed for travel after age 18	IPV for certain international travelers
Varicella	Two doses of varicella-containing vaccine at least 12 weeks apart if vaccinated between 1 and 12 years of age and at least 4 weeks apart if vaccinated at age 13 years or older	All college students without other evidence of immunity (e.g., born in the U.S. before 1980, a history of the disease, two prior doses of varicella vaccine, or a positive antibody)
Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Bivalent (HPV2) or Quadrivalent (HPV4)	Females 11 or 12 years old, females age 13-26 years old who have not received the vaccine previously, and males 9-26 years old; three doses at 0, 2, and 6 month intervals for the quadrivalent vaccine. For the bivalent vaccine, three doses at 0, 1, and 6 month intervals	All college students, 11-26 years old. Quadrivalent or bivalent vaccine for females. Quadrivalent vaccine for males. Quadrivalent vaccine indicated for prevention of cervical cancers, precancers, genital warts, anal cancers, and anal intraepithelial dysplasia. Bivalent vaccine for protection of cervical cancers and precancers.
Hepatitis A	Series of 2 doses (given at 0, 6-12 months intervals) for age 12 months or greater*	Recommended for routine use in all adolescents through the age of 18
Hepatitis B	Series of three doses given at 0, 1-2 months, and 6-12 months*	All college students
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)	Initial dose of vaccine: 11-12 years of age. Booster dose: 16-17 years of age (5 years after initial dose).	Recommended for all college students and required for all first time enrolling students under 30 years old or those living in residence halls

Influenza	Annually, in the fall preferred	All members of a campus community age 6 months or older should receive annual vaccination
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine-23 valent	Any age	Young adults with certain medical conditions: chronic pulmonary disease, asthma, chronic cardiovascular disease, diabetes, liver disease, immunosuppressive conditions.

*Combined hepatitis A and B vaccines may be given as a series of 3 doses (given at 0, 1-2 months, and 6 months) for age 18 years