

Washington College Policy on Immunizations & Tuberculosis Screening Requirements (updated 08/01/2025)

The following screenings & immunizations are required for all students attending Washington College. These requirements & recommendations are set forth by Maryland COMAR regulations and American College Health Association guidelines.

Required for all incoming students:

1. Tuberculosis Screening (TB)

A. All students are required to be screened for TB by a health care professional. (See Health Form). Screening should involve a series of questions as well as a physical exam. In some cases, skin testing, blood testing, sputum evaluation or a chest x-ray may be required.

2. MENINGITIS (Types A,C,W,Y) VACCINE: (Required by Maryland regulations for college students, must have been received within 5 years prior to attending) *This is NOT MENINGITIS B VACCINE.* Booster dose is required if original dose was given prior to 5 years ago

Strongly Recommended Immunizations

1. TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS: (DPT, Tdap)

Completed primary series of tetanus-diphtheria-Pertussis immunizations and Received tetanus-diphtheria booster within the last 10 years or Tdap booster (recommended for ages 11-64 unless contraindicated)

2. M.M.R. (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): 2 doses

Dose 1 - Immunized at 12 months or before 5 years; Dose 2 - Immunized at 4 years or later (at least 28 days after first dose)

Must have two doses at least 4 weeks apart and first dose must have been after 12 months of age. Serological proof of immunity is an acceptable alternative.

3. POLIO:

Must have completed primary series of polio immunizations.

Polio vaccine is not recommended for U.S. residents over age 18 unless they intend to travel to areas where exposure is likely

4. HEPATITIS B:

Completed 3 dose series or serological proof of immunity with a reactive surface antibody. At least the first dose of the series must have been completed before arrival on campus with the remaining doses to be completed within 6 months

5. VARICELLA (Chicken Pox): Completion of a 2- dose series. Serological proof of immunity or history of the disease documented by a health care provider is an acceptable alternative

6. COVID-19 VACCINE:

FDA or WHO approved COVID vaccine either a 1 -dose type (Janssen/Johnson & Johnson) or the 2-dose type (Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/Oxford)

7. HEPATITIS A: Completion of 2 dose series or completion of the 3-dose series of Combined Hepatitis A and B

8. HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE (HPV): Completion of 3-dose series

9. MENINGITIS B VACCINE: Completion of 3 dose series (THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN MENINGITIS TYPES A,C,Y,W)