

Washington College Policy on Immunization Requirements

Washington College follows Maryland state regulations regarding immunization requirements as well as the American College Health Associations guidelines on recommended immunizations for college students. The following immunizations are required for the 2010-2011 academic year for all students:

Tetanus- Diphtheria-Pertussis (DPT , Tdap)

1. Date of last shot in the completed primary series
2. Booster shot within the last 10 years (Tdap preferred)

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

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

Hepatitis B

1. Three doses are required to complete the series.
2. At least the first dose in the series must be complete prior to entrance. The remainder of the series must be completed within 6 months.

Meningitis

1. Maryland law requires all college students be vaccinated
2. MCV4 is preferred over MPSV4 for those age 55 and under

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

1. Two doses are required at least 4 weeks apart.
2. Serological proof of immunity or history of the disease documented by a health care provider is an acceptable alternative

Tuberculosis Screening (TB)

1. All students are required to be screened for TB by a health care professional.
2. Screening should involve a series of questions as well as a physical exam
3. In some cases skin testing, sputum evaluation or a chest x-ray may be required.
4. Chest x-rays are required on all International students and American students living abroad.

The following immunizations are not required but are recommended:

Hepatitis A

Two doses are needed to complete the series

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

Three doses are needed to complete the series

Polio

1. Only need date primary series was completed
2. Polio vaccine is not recommended for U.S. residents over age 18 unless they intend to travel to areas where exposure is likely