Immunizations and Medical Screenings

Scope: Who is Covered by this Policy?

The following students if they will have any physical presence on a Miami University campus: All Oxford undergraduate and graduate students as well as regional campus students in the nursing program, and regional campus international students.

Policy

Immunizations

Miami University requires all students who will have any physical presence on a Miami University campus to meet the following requirements by August 1 for the Fall Semester, or January 15 for those enrolling during the Spring Semester. Exemptions from these requirements will be considered for certain medical conditions and documented religious convictions/reasons of conscience. Exemption request forms are available on the Student Health Services website along with instructions for how to upload your exemption documentation. Requests for exemption must be submitted at least 28 days in advance of the date by which the student is required to be vaccinated Failure to meet the requirements will result in students being unable to register for or attend classes.

The following immunizations are required (or lab report confirming quantitative immunity) for all Oxford students, domestic and international, as well as regional students in the nursing program, and regional campus international students.

Required Immunizations

COVID-19

Completion of both doses of the Pfizer/BioNtech vaccine (also known as Comirnaty.) The University will also accept Moderna (two doses) and Johnson and Johnson (one dose) as proof of vaccination. For international students, the University will accept proof of vaccination with a vaccine approved by the World Health Organization (WHO). Students are required to take any booster shots or FDA approved COVID-19 vaccinations at CDC recommended intervals.

Hep B

- 3 doses are required
- 2nd dose must be placed at least 28 days after 2nd dose and 3rd dose must be at least 16 weeks after first dose and 8 weeks after 2nd dose.
- Quantitative Titer drawn in the United States is accepted in place of 3 doses

MMR

- 2 doses of MMR are required
- 1st dose MUST be after students first birthday
- 2nd dose 28 days after 1st
- If students provides titers they must provide quantitative titers for all 3 drawn in the United States

Polio

- 4 doses of IPV or OPV will be accepted
- If the third dose of either series was received prior to the fourth birthday, a fourth (4) dose is required.
- If a combination of OPV and IPV was received, four doses of either vaccine are required.

Meningococcal ACWY*

1 dose is required after age 16

- Tetanus/Tdap
 - 1 dose required within last 10 years
- Varicella
 - 2 doses required
 - 1 dose required after 1st birthday and second at least 28 days after that
 - Quantitative titer drawn in the United States will be accepted in place of doses

*The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that college students under the age of 25 consult with their health care provider about obtaining the Meningococcal B vaccination in addition to the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

Required Medical Screening

In addition to these required immunizations, screening for tuberculosis will be required for the following:

- New international students
- Any student returning from travel to a high risk country for greater than 6 weeks (as determined from the CDC data)

If the test is positive, the student must return to Student Health Service for a medical evaluation. Students who fail to comply will have their classes cancelled and a registration hold put on the current semester until they comply. Regional campuses are also required to comply with TB testing practices. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of classes for the student.

Important Note: Requesting an exemption does not equate to registration as an individual with a disability. If you require disability-related accommodations outside of this exemption, you must go through the University disability registration process.

Related Form(s)

Not Applicable

Additional Resources and Procedures

Websites

- Your Records to Locate Appropriate Form
- Student Health

FAQ

Not Applicable.

Policy Administration

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Responsible Officer

Associate Vice President for Health and Wellness

Legal Authority

Not Applicable.

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Yes

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