

Immunization Requirements For Incoming U.C. Students 2008/2009

California state law requires incoming students under 19 years of age on September 20, 2008 to show proof of Hepatitis B immunity.

- Please mail Hepatitis B Immunization Status Statement card before August 22, 2008.
- Students needing immunizations may receive them at UCSC during Move-In days.
- Students who do not submit the Hepatitis B form by October 1, 2008 will have a hold put on their enrollment for winter quarter classes.

Hepatitis B immunization compliance can be met in one of the following ways:

1. Completion of the series of 3 immunizations.
2. Having begun the series and completing it before the end of the Frosh year.
3. Proof of Hepatitis B immunity via a blood test.
4. Hepatitis B immunization is against personal beliefs.
5. Hepatitis B immunization is contraindicated for me due to a medical condition.

In addition to the required Hep B immunization, it is also highly recommended that students be up to date on all childhood immunizations and have a record of the following:

- Two shots of **Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)**.
- The date of your last **Tetanus** shot, as this is important information in the event of injury.

Other recommended immunizations for college students:

- The American College Health Association (ACHA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommend **Meningococcal Meningitis** immunization for people living in close quarters, such as dormitories and residence halls.
- A new formulation of the Tetanus vaccine was released last year that provides protection from Pertussis (Whooping Cough), similar to the childhood DPT. Updating Tetanus status with the new **Tdap** is advised in order to update protection against Pertussis, as this respiratory infection has been on the rise in all communities.
- **Flu** shots are offered at our Student Health Center in October/November each year and are recommended for students with chronic medical problems, such as asthma or diabetes, or who are immunocompromised.
- A new vaccine against human papillomavirus (**HPV**) was approved last year and reduces the risk of genital warts and cervical cancer in women.

What should I do now?

- Obtain a copy of immunizations from your doctor's office, your high school record or your yellow immunization record book given to you by your doctor.
- Complete and submit the Hepatitis B Immunization Status Statement card included in this packet if you will be under 19 years old on 9/22/08.
- Read up on current immunization information. The Health Center's web site, <http://www2.ucsc.edu/healthcenter/>, is one source of information. The CDC site also has regularly updated information at www.cdc.gov.
- Consider getting immunizations over the summer.

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