

IMMUNISATION NOTES

Please read this document as it has important information on how to complete your Immunisation Report which will make the process easier, more efficient and cost effective.

Please make sure you start completing your Immunisation Report as soon as your enrolment is confirmed. There are multiple points where this process can be delayed, such as the availability of appointments and/or vaccines, vaccinations that require multiple spaced-out doses, waiting test results, additional testing, finances. This can be especially important for students born outside of New Zealand as their country may not have the vaccination programmes New Zealand does. Getting them done early will avoid any issues or additional pressure and enable you to attend Placement as scheduled.

Who should I book my Immunisation appointment with?

Book an appointment with either your normal GP or a Nurse Prescriber at UoW Student Health Service to get your Immunisation Report completed. It may be a good idea to call them and discuss what you need. If you wish to see UoW Student Health, you will need to enrol with them. Fees for their appointments are \$10 for domestic students and \$40 for International students for a Nurse Prescriber appointment. More information on Student Health can be found here <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/students/health-wellbeing/student-health/>

Prior to booking your Immunisation appointment take the following steps:

1. Contact your GP Clinic to request a copy of your vaccination records.
2. Common vaccinations you would expect to see, and those required for your Immunisation report are:
 - a. Evidence of **COVID-19 vaccines**, if applicable as no longer mandatory (must have your name, Date of Birth, brand of vaccine and dates given)
 - b. Evidence of **Hepatitis B course of vaccines** with dates
 - c. Evidence of **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** vaccines with dates
 - d. Evidence of being **diagnosed with a Varicella (Chicken pox) infection or 2 x Varicella vaccine** (with your name, DOB, dates given)
 - e. Evidence of a **Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) vaccine**. Pertussis in particular is required every 5 years within Health NZ.

3. If you do not have evidence of the above vaccination records you can get blood tests (serology) at PathLab to see if you have antibodies. The below tests can be done without a form from your doctor. Doing this will reduce the number of appointments you will need to book and therefore save you money. You can request the following at PathLab:
- HBs Antigen
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 - Measles Antibodies
 - Mumps Antibodies
 - Rubella Antibodies
 - Varicella Zoster Antibodies
- } If no evidence of 2x MMR vaccines
- If no evidence of 2x Varicella vaccines or confirmed infection

Special considerations

If your TB test (Quantiferon Gold) or Hepatitis B test results are positive, you will be required to see a doctor as soon as possible before you can start my placement.

- If TB screening test is positive:
 - You will be asked to do a chest x-ray, bloods tests, and will be referred to the Respiratory Clinic
- If Hepatitis B screening is positive:
 - You will be asked to do a liver scan, blood tests, and will be referred to a specialist for treatment, and referred to Hepatitis Foundation for monitoring

Vaccine Prices

UoW Student Health vaccine prices as of September 2024

These prices are subject to change.

Vaccine	Price
Hepatitis B	\$55 per dose Multiple doses may be required
MMR for non-NZ residents	\$30 per dose Two doses are required
MMR for NZ residents	Free
Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	\$50
Varicella (chickenpox)	\$85 per dose Two doses are required

If you go to your GP for vaccines, you will need to enquire with them about their prices. When booking your appointment advise them what vaccines you require as they may have shortages or be out of stock.

Flu Vaccines

Students are expected to abide by the same policies as employees for who Influenza vaccinations are highly recommended but not mandatory. If Health NZ reach threshold Influenza levels responsive infection control procedures will be put in place and masks will be worn. Herd immunity reduces the risk of Influenza. The Ministry of Health expects 80% of health care workers to be immunised against Influenza.

Questions

If you have any questions about completing your Immunisation Report, please contact the relevant Placements Team;

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