# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The University of North Alabama (UNA) requires that first-time entering domestic and international students, and visiting international scholars, provide proof of immunization against certain diseases.

The following immunizations and screenings are **required**: Tuberculosis (TB) screening, MMR, Varicella, Meningococcal, Tdap, and a Medical History Form.

MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella- Students born after 1956- 2 doses of MMR at least 28 days apart after 12 months of age OR a copy of a lab report showing proof of immunity from Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella can be submitted.

<u>VARICELLA</u> – (Chickenpox/Shingles) – Students born after 1979 – 2 doses of Varicella vaccine at least 28 days apart OR healthcare provider documented history with the date of the disease OR a copy of a lab report showing proof of a positive Varicella IgG antibody.

<u>MENINGOCOCCAL</u> - Meningitis (A, C, W, Y) - Students age 21 and younger – Proof of immunization against meningitis given any time after the student's 16th birthday.

<u>TDAP</u> - Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis - All Students - One dose within the past 10 years. Booster is required if the vaccine is greater than 10 years old.

QUESTIONNAIRE: All students MUST complete the Tuberculosis Screening questions. Further tuberculosis testing may be required based on information received from the screening questions. A student with a positive TB screening test cannot attend class until follow-up testing determines there is no active Tuberculosis disease. All TB testing must be performed in the United States.

<u>MEDICAL HISTORY FORM</u> – All students must complete the Medical History Form. This form should be updated annually.

Recommended vaccinations include Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Influenza, COVID, and Hepatitis B.

### **First-Time Entering Domestic Students**

All first-time entering domestic students who enroll at UNA must submit proof of required immunizations in accordance with published University guidelines. Enrolling students must upload proof of the required immunizations via the <u>Patient Portal</u>. Documented proof includes an official certificate of immunization, a photocopy of an immunization certificate, or written documentation from a physician. Students must also complete a <u>Medical History Form</u> and a <u>Tuberculosis</u> (TB) screening to determine if a TB skin test is required.

Students that have not completed the immunization requirements by the first day of class will be assigned a default temporary waiver and asked to schedule an appointment with University Health Services. Students that default into a non-compliance waiver may be prohibited from registering for classes the following semester. An exception will be made for students enrolled in a completely online program. This exception will become void if students enroll in on-campus classes.

#### **International Students and International Scholars**

Due to the disparity of immunization requirements among many foreign countries, all UNA international students and visiting scholars are required to be immunized as outlined by the University of North Alabama's guidelines. \_Individuals should upload proof of the required immunizations via the <u>Patient Portal</u>. All documentation submitted must be translated into English. Documented proof includes an official certificate of immunization, a photocopy of an immunization certificate, or written documentation from a physician. Individuals must also complete a <u>Medical History Form</u> and <u>Tuberculosis (TB) screening</u> to determine if a TB skin test is required. TB skin test results will only be accepted from medical providers within the United States.

Individuals that have not completed the immunization requirements by the first day of class will be assigned a default temporary waiver and asked to schedule an appointment with University Health Services. Individuals that default into a non-compliance waiver, may be prohibited from registering for classes the following semester. An exception will be made for students enrolled in a completely online program. This exception will become void if students enroll in on-campus classes.

## **Students Enrolled In Health-Related Academic Programs**

Students engaged in health professional training programs may experience a heightened risk of contracting or transmitting certain diseases due to the nature of their work. Therefore, UNA students enrolled in the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions or other disciplines that require immunizations must adhere to the college's immunization guidelines, in addition to those required by the University. Students in those programs may not be permitted to register for classes until a completed <a href="Medical History Form">Medical History Form</a>, including <a href="proof of immunizations">proof of immunizations</a>, has been received and deemed compliant with the immunization policy.

## **Exemptions**

Students may submit <u>a medical or religious exemption</u> from the required vaccinations. All exemption requests will be reviewed by University Health Services (UHS). Students who are granted a medical or religious exemption will also be asked to sign a waiver stating that in the event of an outbreak, they understand that they will be asked to leave campus.