New York University College of Dentistry  
MANDATORY HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

**PHYSICAL**
Entering students must have a physical examination within six months prior to the start of classes performed to the specifications of the physical examination form included in this packet. You MUST submit OUR NYU Dentistry Forms. No other forms will be accepted. A complete immunization history is required. The physical form must have a physician’s, physician assistant’s or nurse practitioner’s validation stamp and signature. Physicals cannot be done by family members.

**TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING**
All entering students must have proof of tuberculosis testing within six months prior to the start of classes. A Mantoux tuberculin test (PPD test) OR a Quantiferon gold (IGRA test) is required. The tuberculin skin test must be read within 72 hours of administration. A copy of the lab report must be submitted for Quantiferon Gold. Quantiferon Gold is the preferred tuberculosis testing for recipients of BCG (Bacillus Calmette—Guerin) vaccine. Non-BCG recipients are required to have a Mantoux tuberculin test (PPD).

Students with proof of a positive reaction to the skin test or Quantiferon Gold test should not be re-tested, but it is mandatory to provide the exact date of their positive test and the date of a chest x-ray taken thereafter. If the Mantoux test or Quantiferon Gold (IGRA) test is positive, a chest X-ray must be done and there needs to be a chest x-ray within six months prior to the start of classes. A copy of the radiology report is required. Please note, the Mantoux test must be administered before an MMR vaccine; and, a Mantoux test can be taken at the same time as Hepatitis B or Tetanus vaccines.

**MEASLES, MUMPS and RUBELLA (TITERS MANDATORY)**
NYU College of Dentistry requires students to demonstrate blood titers for measles, mumps, and rubella that were obtained within 5 years prior to the start of classes. A copy of the lab reports must be submitted. If the blood titers are positive no further action is required. If the blood titers are negative, the student is required to submit proof of two MMR vaccines in their lifetime in order to obtain health clearance. Vaccines must have been administered at least 30 days apart and after the student’s first birthday. If no documentation is available, vaccines may be administered to meet the requirement of two MMR in a lifetime. Vaccines administered must be at least 30 days apart. No repeat titer is warranted.

**VARICELLA (TITER MANDATORY)**
Please note: whether or not you have had Chicken Pox, a Varicella titer is required and a copy of the lab report must be submitted. Vaccines are not acceptable in lieu of a titer. If you are not immune to Varicella, you must provide documentation that you have received two Varicella vaccines in your lifetime. The vaccines must have been administered at least 30 days apart. The two vaccines must be completed prior to orientation.

**HEPATITIS B (TITER MANDATORY)**
NYU College of Dentistry requests that students demonstrate immunity to the Hepatitis B virus. All students must present proof of a laboratory test for Hepatitis B antigen and Hepatitis B surface antibody. Students with a positive Hepatitis B antigen will be referred to NYU Student Health Services for follow up care. Students who demonstrate immunity to hepatitis B do not need additional vaccinations. Students with a negative Hepatitis B surface antibody must start the vaccination series for Hepatitis B and provide documentation of the vaccine series. Students ideally should complete the hepatitis B vaccination series prior to the start of classes. You are required to have at least the first two doses of the hepatitis B vaccine series prior to new student orientation. The series of three vaccines is generally completed over a six-month period. An accelerated schedule can be utilized. The accelerated schedule calls for vaccine doses administered at days 0, 7 and 21-30; a booster should be administered at 12 months to promote long-term immunity. A combination
hepatitis A and B vaccine can also be used on the same 3-dose schedule (0, 7 and 21-30 days), with a booster at 12 months.

It is a mandatory requirement by NYU Dentistry, that when you have completed the three vaccines, a Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer must be taken and a copy of the lab report submitted. Hepatitis B vaccine is not contraindicated during pregnancy, but the decision to vaccinate should be made in consultation with your physician. Females who are pregnant and who elect not to take the vaccine during pregnancy must provide a physician’s confirmation letter including expected delivery date, and the lab result for Hepatitis B antigen and Hepatitis B surface antibody.

**TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS VACCINE**
Entering students must present evidence of having received Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine within ten years of their first day at the College of Dentistry. The exact date of vaccine must be indicated on the enclosed form.

**MENINGOCOCCAL RESPONSE FORM**
New York State Public Health Law 2167 requires institutions, including colleges and universities, to distribute information about Meningococcal disease and vaccine. All students, whether they live on or off campus, are required to decide whether or not to be immunized against Meningitis and to provide formal confirmation of their decision. In addition, students under the age of 21 and all students living on campus are required to be vaccinated.

**INFLUENZA VACCINE**
In 2013, the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council adopted a regulation that requires all healthcare workers (of which students are included) to protect themselves from contracting and exposing patients to the influenza virus. Students are asked to take an influenza vaccine annually at the Health Screening Unit or to provide documentation that they have received it elsewhere. Students who do not wish to be immunized must sign a Health Screening Unit “Flu Declination” form and must wear a mask at all times while in patient care areas when the Commissioner of Health makes the determination that influenza is prevalent in New York State and until such time that the Commissioner declares that influenza is no longer prevalent.

**QUESTIONS**
If you have any questions, please call the Health Screening Unit at (212) 998-9314. You may bring in your completed paperwork to the Health Screening Unit in person, fax your paperwork to us at (212) 995-4249, e-mail it to us at dental.hsu@nyu.edu or mail your completed packet to NYUCD/Health Screening Unit 345 East 24th Street, #1180W, New York, NY 10010. All paperwork must be received by the Health Screening Unit no less than one month prior to New Student Orientation.

**NOTE**
You will not be cleared for registration until all mandatory requirements are completed.
Exact dates are required for all immunizations.
Incomplete documents will be returned.
Documents in foreign languages must be accompanied by English translation and certified for accuracy.

Thank you,

Health Screening Unit
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