



All students coming into Mount Sinai Hospital are required to comply with the Mount Sinai Hospital Immunization & Surveillance Policy, which is based upon the OMA/OHA Communicable Disease Surveillance Protocols for Ontario Hospitals.

Documentary proof of current immunization against specific communicable diseases must be submitted to and maintained by the Student Health Program at the respective college or university in advance of the student placement at Mount Sinai Hospital. Students must provide documentation of tuberculosis screening, as well as proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chickenpox). Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Influenza immunization status must also be documented.

Any exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing by the MSH Director of Occupational Health, Wellness and Safety and the Director of Infection Control following the completion of a risk assessment.

**Tuberculosis:**

- Students must have an initial baseline two-step Mantoux TB skin test in their medical history.
- An annual (one-step) TB skin test is required thereafter if the results are negative.
- If a student has a documented positive TB skin test, a chest x-ray is required. For students who have previously been assessed for a positive TB skin test and have a documented CXR on file, there is no need to repeat the CXR on an annual basis unless clinically indicated.

**Measles - Either one of the following is acceptable:**

- Documentation of receipt of 2 doses of live measles virus vaccine (or trivalent measles-mumps-rubella [MMR] vaccine) on or after the first birthday, with doses given at least four weeks apart, **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (positive titre results).

**Mumps - Either one of the following is acceptable:**

- Documentation of receipt of 2 doses of live mumps virus vaccine (or trivalent measles-mumps-rubella [MMR] vaccine) on or after the first birthday, with doses given at least four weeks apart, **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (positive titre results).

**Rubella - Either one of the following is acceptable:**

- Documentation of receipt of 1 dose of virus vaccine (or trivalent measles-mumps-rubella [MMR] vaccine) on or after the first birthday. **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (positive titre results).

**Varicella (Chickenpox) – Either one of the following is acceptable:**

- Documentation of receipt of 2 doses of chickenpox vaccine, given at least 4 weeks apart, **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (positive titre results).

**Hepatitis B Vaccine** - Highly recommended for any student who might have any contact with human blood or body fluids, or items contaminated with human blood or body fluids. All students must notify their Student Health program of their immune status (e.g. their hepatitis B surface antibody titre so that, if an exposure occurs, protective action can be taken promptly).

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis** - Students who have not received a dose of pertussis vaccine as an adult should receive one dose of Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine for adults) prior to working in the hospital. Subsequently, Tetanus/Diphtheria Vaccine (Td) should be received every 10 years. All students must inform their Student Health program of their vaccination status.

**Influenza Vaccine** - Offered by Mount Sinai Hospital during influenza season and highly recommended for all students annually. If you cannot receive the influenza vaccination you must wear a surgical mask in all patient care areas during influenza season as per the MSH Prevention and Management of Influenza Policy.