

# Protecting Their Future Vaccinations for College Students



# UC Immunization Plan

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- Student Health Services – their mission includes public health and education of students regarding health threats and preventive care
- Why create a policy now?
  - Planning began in early 2014 as response to infectious disease outbreaks on UC Campuses over past 10 years
    - Mumps, Measles, Meningitis, Pertussis, Active TB
  - ACA coverage for cost of vaccines
  - EMR systems that facilitate immunization data gathering
    - Immunization Registry
    - Systemwide use of PNC EMR by UC

## Background

- UCLA had decided to require students to ***enter vaccine history*** in EMR
- SHS Directors convened February 2014 and voted to pursue systemwide plan to include vaccine history AND require immunizations recommended by CDPH
- Decision to link acknowledgement of vaccine recommendations with registration, had already missed deadlines for fall 2014, therefore efforts stalled until communications for fall 2015
- Identified "Immunization Plan Committee" comprised of 5-6 SHS Directors and UCOP SHS Medical Director

## Implementation Process

# Immunization Policy 3-Year Plan

**Phase 1:** Starting in Fall 2015, campuses will provide information to incoming students regarding immunization and TB screening recommendations, with a required acknowledgement of receipt on the admissions checklist.

- In addition, a pilot project will be undertaken on 1 or 2 campuses to implement non-mandatory, student self-entry of vaccine information via the secure electronic medical record portal.

# Immunization Policy 3-Year Plan

**Phase 2:** Starting in Fall 2016, all campuses will implement student self-entry of vaccine and TB screening information via the secure electronic medical record portal, with a link from admissions checklist, and a stated requirement of completion prior to initial registration. This requirement would be “soft,” *without* a registration hold placement during this phase.

# Immunization Policy 3-year Plan

- **Phase 3:** Starting in Fall 2017, full implementation of **required** student self-entry of vaccine and TB screening information via the secure Electronic medical record portal, **AND SUBMISSION OF A VERIFIABLE VACCINATION RECORD**, *with resulting registration hold placement for failure to comply.*

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## California Dept of Public Health IMMUNIZATION & SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

All students are strongly encouraged to obtain these vaccines prior to starting classes (currently voluntary except for health profession students, and Hepatitis B for students under the age of 19).

| <i>Recommended Vaccination</i>                                | <i>Doses</i>   |
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| Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)                              | 2 doses; first dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Varicella (chickenpox)  | 2 doses; first dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)                      | 1 dose in the last 10 years.   |
| Meningococcal conjugate (preferred to polysaccharide vaccine) | One dose on or after age 16, for students new to residence hall settings   |
| Meningococcal serotype b                                      | Recommendations pending from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.   |
| Hepatitis B   | 3 doses<br><i>(CURRENTLY HEPATITIS B VACCINE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 19.)</i>  |
| Screening for Tuberculosis                                    | All incoming students at higher risk for TB infection should undergo either skin or blood testing for TB infection. (Higher risk includes travel to or living in South & Central America, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East; prior positive TB test, or exposure to someone with active TB disease.) |

- All campuses have linked notices regarding immunization requirement to admission and registration communications
- Website updates
- Media
- Meetings with UC and campus stakeholders, including:
  - UCOP: UC President and Regents, EVC UC Health, Office of General Council, Risk Services, Legislative Affairs
  - Campuses: Chancellors, Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs, Registrars, Graduate Deans, International Student Deans, English Language Program Administrators, IT

## Efforts to Date

- All campuses have purchased; all but two have completed set up
- Immunization Plan Committee and SHS IT staff working to train each other and establish criteria for systemwide reporting on compliance
- Program cumbersome; all data must be entered in one sitting; does not yet save and allow students to return to complete
- Requires complex compliance set up for reporting and coordinating holds
- No interface with Immunization Registry
- UC Davis, UC Los Angeles, UC Merced, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Barbara planning to begin collecting student self-entered data this fall; others to implement

## **PNC Immunization Module**

- UC SHS Medical Directors support waivers for medical contraindications only
- Exploring ability to support via UC OGC
- Creating panel of SHS Directors and other stakeholders to determine policy and process for exemption requests, denials and appeals
  - Will include students, VCSA, International Student Offices, grad deans, OGC, and others
  - Convening this summer

## Exemption Requests

## Next Steps...

- Complete set up for immunization module and begin vaccination history collection from students
- Create immunization record validation plan
- Create Presidential Policy for Immunization Requirement—efforts so far “unofficial” work of SHS
- Convene “Exemption Work Group”
- Create comprehensive communication plan for 3 year process to reflect changing expectations for 2015, 2016 and 2017
- Continue to partner with CDPH, Immunization Coalition, and others to promote awareness
- Other suggestions?

# Questions



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