

BCIT HEALTH SCIENCES IMMUNIZATION REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS

Downloading and Filling in Form:

In order for the fillable properties of this PDF to work, you will need to save the form to your desktop prior to filling it out. You will require Adobe Acrobat Reader/Adobe DC/Adobe Creative Cloud. Should you be unable to download one of the Adobe programs, you may fill in the form, print, and sign it before scanning it in to email to us. PDF format is preferable for all documents and .jpg for pictures.

Submitting Your Form and Records:

Please submit your completed Immunization Review form (completed to the best of your ability) and any available immunization records to nurses@bcit.ca by the deadline set by your program. You are not required to complete the vaccinations below prior to submitting your forms/records. Leave any sections you are unsure about or do not have records for blank.

Should you choose to have a physician or health care provider complete and sign your immunization form, you are not required to send us a copy of your immunization records, however, it is still recommended. Note: Dates of immunizations must include date, month and year on the form to be accepted without a copy of your records. Please have your provider sign and stamp the form (3rd page).

Once we receive your completed form and records, we will inform admissions and provide you with further information about an immunization review appointment and serology.

Obtaining Your Immunization Records:

Immunization records may be obtained by contacting your local public health office, family physician, or, if you were vaccinated in BC, by downloading the [Health Gateway App](#). Other Provinces in Canada may provide a similar service. Please have any records that are not in English translated. To download records from Health Gateway, open the BC Services APP and select Health Gateway. Once open, go to the top left-hand corner drop down (3 horizontal lines) and select "Export Records," then choose "Immunizations" and save as a PDF that you can email to us.

If You Do Not Have Immunization Records:

If you do not have a copy of your records, or are unable to get a copy of them after trying the above options, please indicate this on the Immunization Record form (page 2). For those without records of vaccination, you will receive any required immunizations and/or serology during your booked appointment at BCIT Student Health Services.

Serology:

We are requesting that students complete their serology requirements prior to their immunization review appointments. If you reside in BC, we will email you a requisition to have your serology completed at any Lab or LifeLabs location. If you reside outside of BC, you will need to request a requisition from a physician (family physician, walk-in clinic, etc.). We will inform you if Varicella serology is also required. **Note: Hepatitis B and Varicella serology are the ONLY results we will accept as confirmation of immunity.** MMR serology is not accepted.

Meningococcal Vaccinations Recommended for Med Lab Students:

It is strongly recommended that all **Medical Laboratory** students be vaccinated against Meningitis. Students should receive 2 doses of vaccine for Meningitis B (Bexsero and Trumenba) and 1 dose of MenACYW-135 (Menveo, Menactra or Nimenrix). Other Health Care Workers may also choose to receive these vaccinations. **Note:** The BCIT SA Extended Health and Dental Plan covers Trumenba and Nimenrix. If you are covered under this plan, please let us know during your appointment for further instructions.

Immunization Review Appointments:

For all programs (with the exception of Nursing), instructions for signing up for an Immunization Review will be will be communicated to you after your program has begun via email. You do not need to book an appointment ahead of time. During your immunization review appointment, we will complete any necessary immunizations and a TB Skin Test (as required).

Nursing students will be advised on how to book an appointment after we receive your completed form and documents, via email. This appointment is to be completed prior to starting your program.

If you had, or would prefer to have your required immunizations and/or serology completed elsewhere, please inform us of this decision so that we may provide you with your recommendations. Once you have completed your requirements, please ensure to submit a copy of your records to BCIT Student Health Services.

Appointment Cost:

The cost for your Tuberculin Skin Test is \$60. There are no other fees for this appointment. Cash, debit or credit are accepted.

Questions or Concerns?

If you have questions or concerns that are not answered above, please contact us at 604-432-8843 or email us at nurses@bcit.ca.