**Washington College Policy on Immunization/Tuberculosis Screening Requirements (updated 05/17/2021)**

*Washington College follows Maryland state regulations regarding immunization requirements as well as*

*the American College Health Associations guidelines on recommended immunizations and infectious*

*disease screenings for college students.*

The following screenings & immunizations are required for the 2025-2026 academic year for all students:

**Tuberculosis Screening (TB)**

 1. All students are required to be screened for TB by a health care professional. (See Health Form)

 2. Screening should involve a series of questions as well as a physical exam

 3. In some cases skin testing, sputum evaluation or a chest x-ray may be required.

4. ***Chest x-rays with results interpreted into English are required on all International students and American students living abroad***.

**Required Immunizations**

1. **TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS:** **(DPT, Tdap)**

Completed primary series of tetanus-diphtheria-Pertussis immunizations and Received tetanus-diphtheria booster within the last 10 years or Tdap booster (recommended for ages 11-64 unless contraindicated)

1. **M.M.R. (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** 2 doses

Dose 1 - Immunized at 12 months or before 5 years Dose 2 - Immunized at 4 years or later (at least 28 days after first dose)

Must have two doses at least 4 weeks apart and first dose must have been after 12 months of age. Serological proof of immunity is an acceptable alternative.

1. **POLIO:**

Must have completed primary series of polio immunizations.

 Polio vaccine is not recommended for U.S. residents over age 18 unless they intend to travel to

areas where exposure is likely

1. **HEPATITIS B:**

 Completed 3 dose series or serological proof of immunity with a reactive surface antibody. At least the first dose of the series must have been completed before arrival on campus with the remaining doses to be completed within 6 months

1. **MENINGITIS VACCINE**: (Required by Maryland law for college students)

 Booster dose is required if original dose was given before age 16

1. **VARICELLA (Chicken Pox)**: Completion of a 2- dose series. Serological proof of immunity or history of the disease documented by a health care provider is an acceptable alternative
2. **COVID-19 VACCINE:**

Must have completed an FDA or WHO approved COVID vaccine either a 1 -dose type (Janssen/Johnson & Johnson) or the 2-dose type (Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/Oxford) vaccine prior to arrival on campus and have uploaded COVID vaccine card on student health portal (washcoll.studenthealthportal.com)

**RECOMMENDED**

1. **HEPATITIS A:** Completion of 2 dose series or completion of the 3-dose series of Combined Hepatitis A and B
2. **HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE (HPV):** Completion of 3-dose series
3. **MENINGITIS B VACCINE:** Completion of 3 dose series