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Helpful Information

HCOP requires all documentation to be submitted in PDF format. Please save scanned documents in this format before uploading to CORE.

There are apps available, such as Adobe Scan, that use the camera on tablets and phones to scan the document. This file can then be saved as a PDF file.

For vaccination records that have multiple vaccinations listed in the same document, submit the document once to the correct vaccination requirement. For example, if your document has all three hepatitis B vaccinations on it submit the PDF of this document once under the hepatitis B vaccination requirement. If the same document also contains other vaccinations, for example hepatitis B series and MMR series the document needs to be submitted once under the hepatitis B requirement and once under the MMR requirement.

What is a titer?

A titer is a blood test performed to determine the quantitative level of antibodies for certain diseases in your blood stream. This test is performed to show immunity to the disease. Immunity comes from either having a completed vaccination series or previously having the disease.

What do your titer results mean?

A positive result indicates you've already been exposed to a specific pathogen or may have received the vaccine for it. That means that you have adequate immunity to a particular infectious disease.

A negative result means that there are not any antibodies present, or the levels of antibodies are not sufficient to prevent you from getting the disease. If you receive a negative titer result this would require additional booster vaccinations to get antibody levels to appropriate levels to prevent the disease.

What are the types of immunity?

Active immunity: This develops as a result of having had a previous infection or through vaccination. The body's immune system produces antibodies and cellular immunity, which generally lasts for years or a lifetime.

Passive immunity: This is transferred, such as from mother to infant, or by blood products such as immune globulin. This type of immunity typically offers temporary protection lasting for a duration of weeks to months.

Navigating Health Insurance as an Adult (>26 years old)

The following are informational resources that can assist students in finding health insurance coverage if they are no longer able to a dependent on their parents' insurance.

Healthcare.gov states that many people under the age of 30 can qualify for special enrollment periods, Medicaid, CHIP, Affordable Health Care Act or student health insurance plans. This website has various links to check eligibility and help student pick the best plan for them.

Auburn University Health Insurance

Auburn University also offers a graduate student health insurance plan. As voted in by students and passed by the Auburn University board, the University requires that all international student and grad students with assistantships have medical insurance and provides the Auburn University Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) to meet this requirement. SHIP covers services at University Health Services (UHS) including primary care and services outside UHS including hospitalization, off-campus or out-of-area care while traveling and some specialty services not available at UHS. Students who are automatically enrolled in SHIP and the premium is charged on their e-bill. Students can choose to keep SHIP or waive enrollment if they have comparable coverage. Most students keep their SHIP enrollment because it is a solid, comprehensive plan; it is convenient and provides coverage 12 months a year anywhere in the world, offers excellent benefits and is affordable. SHIP and AUMC work together.

For more information about the updated annual cost, billing and how to enroll please visit <http://graduate.auburn.edu/graduate-student-health-insurance-program/> or email insurance@auburn.edu for more information.

HCOP Incoming Student Requirement Checklist

The following is a checklist to assist in making your appointment with your primary care physician, urgent care and/or pharmacy to ensure that they can provide the specific types of titer tests and vaccinations necessary to fulfill the documentation requirement of HCOP. It is strongly recommended to review this checklist with the provider when making the appointment to ensure that additional appointments are not required.

Primary Care Office/Urgent Care

1. Childhood vaccination records
 - a. Request a copy of your vaccination records ensuring that it shows the following vaccinations: Hepatitis B 3 dose series, MMR 2 dose series, Varicella 2 dose series, and Tdap 1 dose series.
 - b. If missing MMR vaccination OR last dose was before 1980 confirm with provider that booster vaccination could be administered at visit, or MMR titer performed.
 - c. If missing varicella vaccinations OR no documented history of disease confirm with provider that booster vaccination could be administered at visit or varicella titer performed.
 - d. If missing Tdap vaccination OR last dose was greater than 10 years ago confirm with provider that Tdap can be administered at visit. If Tdap has previously been administered and it has been greater than 10 years, it is acceptable to receive the Td vaccine to fulfill requirement. See below for additional information.
2. Hepatitis B Titer
 - a. Confirm with the provider that the results are for a **quantitative** Hepatitis B Surface Antibody test with a numerical value and will not just state “positive or negative” or “reactive/non-reactive”.
3. TB Skin Test or Blood Test Screening
 - a. Confirm that TB skin test can be placed and that you can have the test read in 48-72 hours.

Pharmacy

1. Call your pharmacy of choice to determine if they keep the vaccinations you are missing in stock.
2. Confirm that your insurance allows for the pharmacy administration of vaccines.
3. Make an appointment or confirm walk-in availability for the administration of vaccinations.
4. Consider initiating COVID-19 vaccination series or booster administration, as this is a requirement of most rotation sites. See below for additional details.

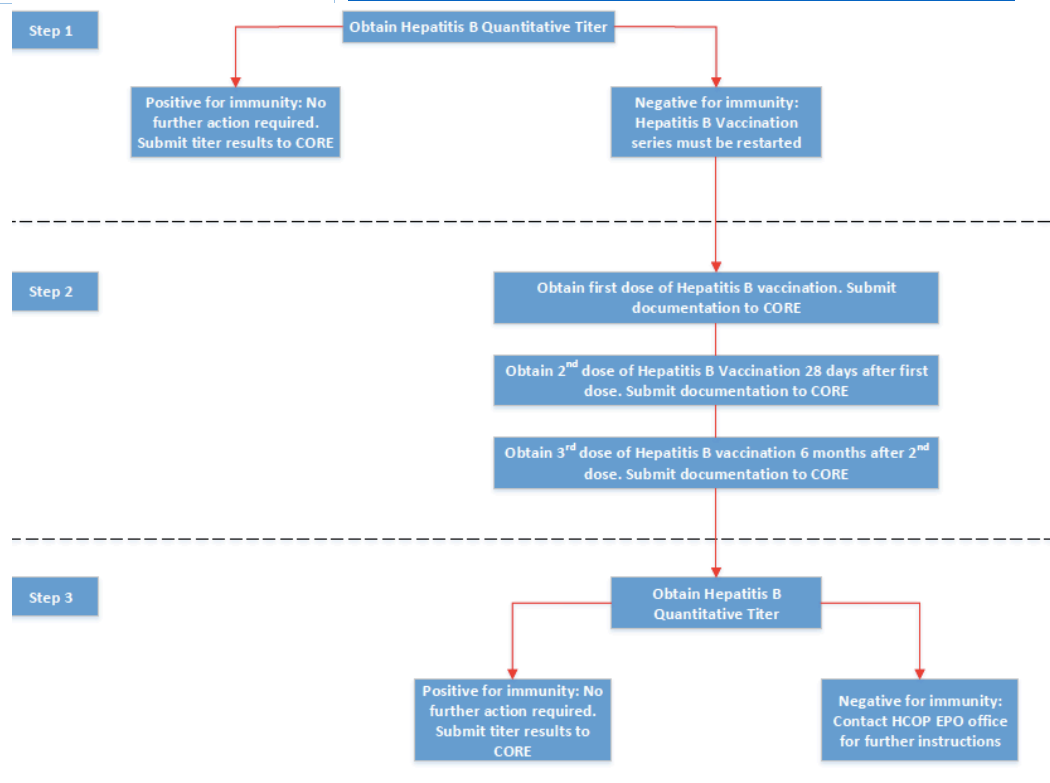
Requirement Name	Bloodborne Pathogen Training
Details	This is an online continuing education (CE) course from the Pharmacist's Letter. First create your student account using the link below. Complete the online training module and submit a PDF formatted screenshot of the completion email to CORE.
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	http://studentpharmacists.com
Cost	None
Frequency/Expiration	Must be renewed annually

Requirement Name	COVID-19 Vaccination Card
Details	This is not an Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy requirement; however, there are numerous IPPE and APPE rotation sites that require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
Due Date	August 1 OR when vaccination series is completed
Where to obtain	COVID-19 vaccinations are available at most pharmacies
Where to find information	If an Alabama resident, a vaccination record can be requested from your primary care provider using ImmPRINT.
Vaccine Schedule	<p>Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine: Primary series: First dose followed by second dose 21 days later. Bivalent booster is recommended at least 2 months after primary series. The booster vaccine can be completed with Pfizer or Moderna.</p> <p>Moderna COVID-19 vaccine: Primary series: First dose followed by second dose 28 days later. Bivalent booster is recommended at least 2 months after primary series. The booster vaccine can be completed with Pfizer or Moderna.</p> <p>The CDC does not recommend mixing the primary series of vaccines; however, boosters can be a different product from the primary series. Once bivalent booster is received adult patients are up to date and do not require additional immunizations. Please refer to the CDC website for the latest recommendations.</p>
Cost	No charge with or without insurance
Frequency/Expiration	Boosters are not required by sites but they are recommended
Additional Information	<p>Please use the following link for the most up to date guidelines from the CDC:</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html#adults</p>

Requirement Name	CPR/BLS Training
Details	Upload a PDF of your American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers card. <i>American Red Cross and Heartsaver CPR courses are not acceptable to meet this HCOP requirement.</i>
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	Two available options available: Go to the American Heart Association website and find a course near you: https://cpr.heart.org/en/courses/basic-life-support-course-options Option 1: Complete online course followed by in person skills check off. Both components of the course are required to meet the HCOP requirement. Option 2: In person basic training with skills check off.
Where to find information	https://cpr.heart.org/en/
Cost	Option 1: \$34 + skills check off fee (varies by site) Option 2: \$75-80 depending on testing site
Frequency/Expiration	Must be renewed every 2 years

Requirement Name	Health Insurance
Details	Upload a PDF to show proof of insurance which indicates the current year of coverage. The document submitted must have the current year listed. <i>Insurance cards without the year will not be accepted.</i>
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	If you are not covered by your parent's or spouse's insurance, you can enroll in a graduate student plan offered by Auburn University. For more information about this policy you can visit https://cws.auburn.edu/aumc/pm/StudentInsurance or email insurance@auburn.edu
Where to find information	If the year of coverage is not listed on your insurance card you will need to contact the insurance company to request a letter or certificate confirming your coverage. This is often available to you through an online portal or app.
Cost	Varies
Frequency/Expiration	Annually

Requirement Name	Hepatitis B Titer
Details	<p>The first step in the hepatitis B requirement is a titer test. The titer <i>must</i> be a quantitative Hep B Surface Antibody test with a numerical value and not just state “positive or negative” or “reactive/non-reactive”. Please ensure that this is the type of titer when making your appointment to ensure this requirement is met properly.</p> <p>The results of the titer should be submitted along with childhood/initial hepatitis B vaccination series.</p>
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians or urgent care center (American Family Care)
Where to find information	If an Alabama resident, a vaccination record can be requested from your primary care provider using ImmPRINT.
Titer Needed	Yes
Cost	\$25-75
Frequency/Expiration	<p>One titer is needed to show immunity. After a titer showing immunity, the expiration can be set to 1/1/2099.</p> <p>A second titer showing immunity is required 1 month after the completion of the new hepatitis B series. Note if the hepatitis B vaccination series has to be restarted the student must have a total of two titers and 6 vaccinations uploaded into CORE to fulfill this requirement.</p>
Additional Information	https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/vaccadults.htm



Requirement Name	Hepatitis B Vaccination Series
Details	<p>Hepatitis B is a three dose vaccination series included in the childhood immunization series beginning in 1991. Students should upload documentation of their 3-dose series in addition to a quantitative titer.</p> <p>If titer is negative for immunity the hepatitis B series will need to be restarted followed by a second titer. See above for details.</p>
Due Date	<p>August 1st</p> <p>Note the entire new series of vaccinations does not have to be completed by this date, however the first dose should be received by August 1st.</p>
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians, urgent care center, or most major chain pharmacies.
Where to find information	If an Alabama resident, a vaccination record can be requested from your primary care provider using ImmPRINT.
Titer Needed	A second titer is needed after completing vaccination series to show immunity.
Vaccine Schedule	<p>The second dose should be received 1 month after the first dose.</p> <p>The second dose should be received 6 months after the first dose.</p>
Cost	\$44-114 (cost without insurance); this vaccine is covered with most insurance plans.
Frequency/Expiration	<p>After receiving the first dose, set expiration date for 1 month following vaccination date.</p> <p>After receiving the second dose, set expiration date for 5 months following vaccination date.</p> <p>After receiving the third dose, set expiration date for 1 month following vaccination date.</p>
Additional Information	https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/vaccadults.htm

Requirement Name	HIPAA Training
Details	This is an online continuing education (CE) course from the Pharmacist's Letter. First create your student account using the link below. Complete the online training module and submit a PDF formatted screenshot of the completion email to CORE.
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	http://studentpharmacists.com
Cost	None
Frequency/Expiration	Must be renewed annually

Requirement Name	Influenza Vaccination
Details	This is an annual requirement of HCOP.
Due Date	October 10 th or when EPO announces deadline Important note: Do not complete this requirement during the summer prior to starting at HCOP as it is too early for the vaccination to be effective. Influenza vaccines should be obtained late September to early October prior to the influenza season starting. Vaccinations received outside of this time frame will not be accepted.
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians, urgent care center, or most major chain pharmacies
Titer Needed	No
Vaccine Schedule	One vaccine annually
Cost	\$25-45 (cost without insurance); this vaccine is covered with most insurance plans.
Frequency/Expiration	Annually
Additional Information	https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/flushot.htm

Requirement Name	MMR Vaccination Series
Details	MMR is a two dose vaccination series. Documentation of completed vaccination series OR a positive titer showing immunity must be submitted. The last dose of the vaccine must be received after December 1980. If last dose was received prior to this date a booster vaccination is required.
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians, urgent care center, or most major chain pharmacies.
Where to find information	If an Alabama resident, a vaccination record can be requested from your primary care provider using ImmPRINT.
Titer Needed	A titer is only needed if you have had a confirmed case of measles, mumps, or rubella to show that you have immunity to the disease. If the titer is negative (not immune) a booster MMR vaccine is required.
Vaccine Schedule	The second dose should be received 28 days after the first dose.
Cost	\$89-115 (cost without insurance); this vaccine is covered with most insurance plans.
Frequency/Expiration	After receiving the first dose , set expiration date for 1 month following vaccination date. After receiving the second dose , set expiration date for 1/1/2099.
Additional Information	https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mmr/public/index.html#:~:text=Also%20Known%20As%20%26%20Abbreviations,Measles%3Drubeola

Requirement Name	TB Screening
Details	<p>Documentation of a TB skin test or TB blood test (IGRA; T-spot or QuantiFERON-TB).</p> <p>Directions for TB skin test: On the day of the test a small amount of tuberculin will be injected under the skin in your forearm. Documentation of placement will be given to you. The test must be read by a health care professional in 48-72 hours. If the test is not read during that time frame the test will have to be restarted.</p> <p>If the results are positive (TB skin test >10mm or positive blood test) the following must be provided: one chest X-ray including any findings and future recommendations from the physician for medication therapy.</p> <p>If you have previously had a positive TB test and negative chest X-ray you will not need to repeat the TB skin test or chest X-ray. You will need to complete an annual TB symptom screening form with the Experiential Programs Office annually. Please email hcopepo@auburn.edu to request an appointment to complete the symptom screening.</p> <p>The completed TB skin test with signature from the provider that read the test, results from blood test or symptom screening form should be uploaded in PDF format for this requirement.</p>
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians, urgent care center, AUPCC or most major chain pharmacies.
Where to find information	https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/testing/skin_testing.htm
Titer Needed	No
Vaccine Schedule	None
Cost	\$25-35; not typically covered by insurance
Frequency/Expiration	Annually

Requirement Name	Tdap Vaccination
Details	Documentation of an adult Tdap vaccination must be submitted in PDF format. If you have not received the Tdap vaccination as an adult this vaccination will need to be administered. If you have received Tdap previously and it has been more than 10 years since this vaccination a Td or Tdap vaccination could be received to meet this requirement.
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians, urgent care center, or most major chain pharmacies.
Where to find information	If an Alabama resident, a vaccination record can be requested from your primary care provider using ImmPRINT.
Titer Needed	No
Vaccine Schedule	Once every 10 years
Cost	\$45-80 (cost without insurance); this vaccine is covered with most insurance plans.
Frequency/Expiration	After receiving vaccination, set expiration date for 10 years following vaccination date.
Additional Information	https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/dtap-tdap-td/hcp/recommendations.html

Requirement Name	Varicella Vaccination Series
Details	Documentation of two dose varicella vaccinations OR a positive titer OR medical documentation showing a history of the disease must be submitted in PDF format. If the titer is negative (not immune) a vaccination booster is required to fulfill this requirement.
Due Date	August 1 st
Where to obtain	Primary care physicians or urgent care center
Where to find information	If an Alabama resident, a vaccination record can be requested from your primary care provider using ImmPRINT.
Titer Needed	Yes, if you have had a confirmed case of varicella (chickenpox). If the titer provided is negative (not immune) a booster varicella vaccine is required.
Vaccine Schedule	One booster vaccine if not immune or no documented history of disease
Cost	\$165 (cost without insurance); this vaccine is covered with most insurance plans.
Frequency/Expiration	Set expiration date for childhood vaccination series and booster vaccine to 1/1/2099.
Additional Information	https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/varicella/index.html