

## WKU HEALTH SERVICES-Vaccine Recommendations

### Highly Recommended

Menomune<sup>®</sup>\*  
Menactra\*

Vaccination for bacterial meningitis (a serious infection of the lining of the brain).  
**It is recommended for all students, especially for those students living in the residence halls.**

Hepatitis B\*

Recommended for all people.  
It may be required for certain health care workers and health sciences students.  
3 injections – **First injection at any time, second injection 30 days after the first, third injection six months after the first.**  
Signed waiver accepted in lieu of vaccination **for certain health care students.**  
**Now recommended that most patients receive the combination Hepatitis A/Hepatitis B (Twinrix) if they are just starting the vaccine series.**

MMR\*

MMR-Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccination.  
**Two shot series given in early childhood. May require proof of immunity for certain health care students, or in pregnancy.**  
*Proof of immunity against each infection will also be accepted.*  
In view of the Mumps outbreak in Iowa and surrounding states in 2006, we recommend that you review your child's immunization record and confirm that s/he had received **2 doses of MMR**. If the do not have documentation of 2 doses we strongly recommend that you check with your family doctor or local Health Department about getting the second dose prior to arriving at school.

Tetanus/diphtheria\*

Booster every 10 years in absence of Tetanus-prone wound.

DECAVAC\*

In the event of Tetanus-prone injury, booster is required if more than five years since last vaccination.

Dtap\*

A newer variety including a Pertussis booster is available. This is intended as a one time booster for adults, and may be given instead of the tetanus/diphtheria combination for both routine boosters and for use in injuries.

Gardasil\*

Gardasil is a new vaccine against certain strains of Human Papillomavirus (HPV). There are over 100 strains of the HPV virus, but a select sub-group is responsible for genital warts and cervical cancer. This vaccine offers protection against the 2 strains responsible for 90% of genital warts and 70% of cervical cancer. The FDA presently recommends this vaccine for all females aged 9 to 26 years old.

TB\*

**This is not a vaccine, but rather a test for exposure to tuberculosis.**  
**May be required for certain international and health sciences, and education students.**  
Annual TB Test or chest x-ray (for patients with a previous positive test).  
**If patient has not had a TB test in last 12 months, a two-step test may be required.**  
Documentation of treatment for positive results is required.

Influenza\*

**Now recommended for all patients.** However, it is strongly recommended for all patients. But it is more necessary in patients with a chronic medical problem.

### Recommended

Varicella  
(Chicken Pox)

Ordered on as-needed basis.  
Two separate injections, 4-8 weeks apart.  
*Only for students without history of chicken pox infection*

Hepatitis A\*

Recommended for travelers to certain areas, and recently recommended for routine vaccination of infants.  
Two separate injections, the second 6 to 12 months after the first.  
**This may be received as a three shot series combined with Hepatitis B.**

TWINRIX\*

Combines Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccines.  
It is now the recommended vaccine for all patients who need either the Hepatitis A or B vaccine and have not yet received the other.

**Please consult your health care provider for additional information and specific recommendations for your circumstances.**

**We recommend that the student have a copy of their immunization record with them. In case of an infectious disease outbreak, ready access to the immunization record is important.**

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\* In stock at WKU Health Services