



Dear Accepted Student:

The attached health forms are a crucial part of your student record. You are required to answer all questions in items 1 and 2, and to sign your name on the bottom. Please have your physician fill out all the medical information as requested (item 3 and the Immunization and Laboratory Record). This information is required by the New York State Health Code and SUNY Downstate. All students, regardless of age, are required to comply with the immunization requirement. In addition, the tuberculin test (PPD) or blood based tuberculosis test is required, unless there is written physician documentation of a prior positive PPD. Students born outside of the USA will be required to complete two-step PPD testing unless a blood based test is done. Copies of all laboratory slips and x-ray reports must be supplied. If your PPD/Tuberculin is positive, all questions regarding treatment must be answered.

All college students in New York State are required to either take the meningococcal meningitis vaccine within the past ten years or sign a declination. We have included a Meningitis Information Response Form in this packet. Please check either box, fill in the date of vaccination if appropriate, sign and date the form, and send it with your health forms. Your health clearance will not be complete without it.

As you embark upon your career as a health care provider you will be exposed, possibly from the earliest days of your education, to human blood and other potentially infectious materials. Hepatitis B is a blood-borne viral infection, which is potentially lethal (1-2% of patients) or may cause chronic disease (5-10% of patients). It is preventable by vaccination, which consists of three doses over a six-month period. No serious adverse reactions have been reported from this vaccine and it contains no human blood or blood products. For students in the clinical programs, because you will have early patient contact, we are requiring you to begin the hepatitis B vaccine series prior to matriculation. If you are unable to receive all three doses before matriculation, we will complete the vaccine series at the Student Health Service. If you have already been vaccinated, you must submit a laboratory slip with documentation of a positive hepatitis B surface antibody titer (quantitative, not qualitative).

All students who have patient contact are required to submit proof of titers for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B, with booster doses of vaccines as appropriate.

Due to ongoing pertussis outbreaks, a dose of adolescent/adult Tdap (Boostrix or Adacel) is **required** unless medically contraindicated.

The deadline for submission of the History and Physical Examination Form and the Immunization and Laboratory Record is **30 days prior to the 2019 Orientation/Registration.** **No student will be allowed to register without clearance from the Student Health Service.** Health forms should be submitted to SHS in one format-by mail, hand-delivered, or in **ONE PDF** to studenthealth@downstate.edu. Please allow five business days for processing your documents and check the Admissions Checklist before inquiring about your health forms.

If you have any questions about health documentation, please call the Student Health Service at (718) 270-2018 or 1995 or email at studenthealth@downstate.edu.

Sincerely,

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Director of Student Health Service