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## **POLICY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS HEALTH INSURANCE AND IMMUNIZATIONS**

### **Policy Statement**

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#### **I. Tracking**

All students who are under twenty-six (26) years of age, regardless of where they receive their primary care, are required to maintain a permanent record of certain health maintenance requirements at the University Student Health Service. All students, regardless of age, must also maintain the School of Medicine and Health Sciences' (SMHS) immunization requirements at the secure third party system Certiphi, by directly uploading health records to the Certiphi secure online web portal. Students with valid exemptions from vaccination must upload valid proof of exemption to Certiphi's secure online web portal. Only students are provided access to their individual and confidential health records maintained with Certiphi for the duration of enrollment at SMHS. Students must submit any required updates to their immunization requirements directly to Certiphi via the secure online web portal.. GWU SMHS will provide partnering educational sites a letter of confirmation of required vaccination (or confirmation of valid exemption) for all students for whom Certiphi has received proof of vaccination or valid exemption for all required immunizations. If a student is out of compliance with required immunizations, he/she may be at risk for delays in school registration or advancement to the next academic year (see specific requirements below).

#### **II. Entrance Requirements**

Students who are under twenty-six (26) years of age must submit the required university form with evidence that they have met the entrance requirements by the time of matriculation to SMHS. All students must submit the medical school form by the time of matriculation to the medical school. In addition to the immunizations required by the university, SMHS has the following entrance requirements.

##### **a. Hepatitis B Immunization**

Students must provide documentation of a full series of three immunizations against Hepatitis B, serologic evidence of immunity, and repeat immunization if indicated, or, alternatively, valid exemption from vaccination.

##### **b. Tuberculosis Exposure Testing (Quantiferon Gold or T Spot)**

All students must complete Tuberculosis blood testing prior to matriculation. This testing must be completed between May 1st and August 1st of the matriculation year and submitted to the Office of Student Affairs.

c. **Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox)**

At the time of enrollment, students must provide serologic evidence of immunity, or documentation of varicella immunization, or, alternatively, valid exemption from vaccination.

d. **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)**

At the time of enrollment, students must provide documentation of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination or serologic evidence of immunity, or, alternatively, valid exemption from vaccination.

e. **TDaP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)**

At the time of enrollment, students must provide documentation of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccination within 10 years, or Td booster if greater than 10 years since most recent TDaP vaccination, or, alternatively, valid exemption from vaccination.

### **III. Additional Requirements**

a. **Influenza**

Students must provide evidence of annual influenza immunization by December 1, or, alternatively, valid exemption from vaccination.

### **IV. Health Insurance**

All students are required to maintain personal health insurance continuously while enrolled at GW SMHS.

### **V. Mental Health Services**

Confidential psychiatric consultation can be provided at Student Health Center. In addition, the university counseling center is available to all students and can provide confidential evaluation and treatment for a broad range of problems. Both GW Student Health Center and the counseling center can facilitate external referral for evaluation and treatment if necessary.

### **VI. Disability Insurance**

The medical school does not require students to carry disability insurance. However, we strongly urge students to consider a disability policy, particularly if they already have a family or dependents. Disability insurance is made available from private vendors, the American Medical Association, or university vendors. Please see the Student Affairs deans if you have questions.

## **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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Medical students, faculty, deans, staff, GW Student Health Services, and counseling center

## **Who Approved This Policy**

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Office of Student Affairs, SMHS

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