UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK STUDENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**VACCINATION REPORT FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

* Enter your personal details on the **Vaccination Report Form** if not already entered. Add any missing data e.g. Irish Mobile no. **Read the FAQs below**. Complete **TB Travel history** and **Consent** section.
* You will need your vaccination records which can be requested from your Doctor. If your current Doctor does not have your complete vaccination records these may be available from your previous GP. Vaccine records in Ireland may also be obtained from your local HSE vaccine records office. See: **www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/whoweare/requestrecord.html**
* **Hepatitis B:**  Dates only. Hepatitis B antibody levels are not required in advance of your start in UCC.
* **MMR:** Dates only.Blood tests for MMR Serology are not accepted as proof of immunity to MMR
* **TB: (BCG**) Date BCG/Scar is for TB screening purposes only. BCG vaccine is no longer available.
* **TB: (Travel)**: List country(s) you have lived in/stayed in for at least 1 month in the past 2 years.
* **Chicken Pox (varicella)**: many have had chicken pox previously and blood test to check immunity will be done in UCC.
* Return the completed **Vaccination Report Form and vaccination records** to:

 Dr Michael Byrne, Student Health Centre, UCC Crow’s Nest, Victoria Cross, Cork. T12 HXW4

Read the Infectious Disease Screening and Immunisation Policy on the UCC Student Health website:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/healthcare/>

**FEES FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES SCREENING AND IMMUNISATIONS**

The core fee for the service is to cover the cost of: Certification of Infectious Disease Clearance for Placement, TB screening, Blood Test(s) to determine your immunity status, and the administration costs of the screening programme.

The core fee is 110 Euro. The core fee is payable by all students unless exempt1

Payment is by via Billink, our secure online **Payment by Text** system OR by Bank Card.

Payment is due to be paid by you via Billink on your first attendance in Student Health.

In addition to the core fee of 110 E, the following further fees are also payable on the day as required :

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| Item1 | Fee |
| Hepatitis B vaccine per dose (course = 3 or 4 doses) | 40 |
| Varicella Zoster vaccine (per dose)2 | 60 |
| TB IGRA blood test | 100 |
| Chest X Ray3 | Varies |

* 1. UCC PLUS/ HEAR student are exempt from fees, other than Chest X-Ray fee, if needed.
	2. Only needed if found to be non-immune to varicella on blood test.
	3. Payable if required. Costs vary according to services referred to.

**VACCINATION REPORT FORM**

**Students are required to enter their Travel History in the TB Travel History section below and to sign and date the consent statements.**

**Return these completed to UCC Student Health ASAP**

**First Name:**

**Surname:**

**Date of Birth:**

**UCC Student No.**

**Course of Study: Mobile No.**

*\*If you have previously been a registered student of UCC please enter your old student number*

**HEPATITIS B VACCINATION DATES**

Dose 1: DD/MM/YYYY Dose 2: DD/MM/YYYY Dose 3: DD/MM/YYYY Dose 4: DD/MM/YYYY

**Doctor to record the administration dates for the following vaccinations you have received**

**MMR VACCINE DOSE 1 Vaccination Date: DD/MM/YYYY**

**MMR VACCINE DOSE 2 Vaccination Date: DD/MM/YYYY**

**VARICELLA ZOSTER VACCINE DOSE 1 Vaccination Date: DD/MM/YYYY**

 **VARICELLA ZOSTER VACCINE DOSE 2** **Vaccination Date:** **DD/MM/YYYY**

**BCG VACCINATION DATE: DD/MM/YYYY** OR **Typical BCG Scar on exam: YES or NO**

Date prior BCG/BCG scar is for TB screening purposes only. BCG vaccine is not required.

**DOCTOR’S SIGNATURE**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DATE**: **DD/MM/YYYY**

*DOCTOR’S STAMP*

**TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY STUDENT ONLY**

Have you lived in a country other than Ireland for more than 28 days over the past 2 years? Circle : YES or NO

IF YES, please name the country/countries:

I consent to the sharing of data between the Student Health Department and the Head of School relating to my Clearance for Placement status, and my attendance at Infectious Disease Screening and Immunisation appointments in UCC Student Health.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**: **DD/MM/YYYY**

I consent to receive communication via secure electronic message from UCC Student Health on matters relating to my ID status.

**Signed**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date: DD/MM/YYYY**

**FAQ’s On the UCC Infectious Disease Screening and Immunisation Programme**

**Q: Do I have to attend my doctor to get the Vaccination Report Form signed?**

**A:** No, you just need to request a copy of your vaccine records OR you doctor can fill in the dates on the form. If your doctor does not have your vaccine records, you can request these from the HSE.

**Q. What immunisations are recommended for and provided for UCC healthcare students?**

**A:** Students (who are not previously immunised or immune by virtue of previously naturally acquired infection) should as a minimum receive or have received completed courses of immunisations for **Hepatitis B** (3 or in some cases 4 doses), **MMR** (2 doses), **Varicella** (1 or in some cases 2 doses)

**Q: Do I need to have these immunisations before I start my course?**

**A**: No, all the immunisations above will be available at your ID screening and immunisation appointments during your first year at UCC. If you have had some of these immunisations already, please bring documentation/immunisation record or your Doctor can fill in these dates on the form.

**Q: Which if any of these immunisations are mandatory for UCC healthcare students?**

**A:** None of the vaccines are mandatoryhowever a student who declines to be immunised against these illnesses or who has a confirmed medical contraindication to a vaccine **may be denied placement** in certain healthcare settings, and as a result may not be in a position to acquire the necessary skills or core competencies for their programme.

**Q: Is there a National Guideline as to recommended immunisations for healthcare students?**

**A:** The National Immunisation guidelines for Ireland (2008) edition outlines the recommended immunisations for people living in the Republic of Ireland. Chapter 18 details the recommendations for certain occupational groups, including Healthcare workers and Healthcare students. See website: <http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/immunisationguidelines.html>

**Q: Where can I get a copy of the UCC healthcare students ID screening and immunisation Policy?**

**A:** The ID Screening and Immunisation Policy for UCC healthcare students can be downloaded from

[**https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/healthcare/**](https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/healthcare/)

**Q: Are there any other immunisations which may be of benefit for healthcare students?**

**A:** Healthcare students should consider availing of annual Influenza vaccination and ensure that they have completed the primary and booster course of Tetanus immunisations. These vaccines are available on request at the Student Health Department but are not included in the routine vaccination programme. An extra fee may apply for these immunisations.

**Q: What is the Fee payable by students for the ID screening and Immunisation Programme?**

**A:** If all your immunisations are complete the core fee payable is 110 Euro, and this is payable at the first ID screening and immunisation appointment via Billink our secure online payment system. All students are liable to pay the fee, unless this fee has previously been paid to UCC by you whilst undertaking another course or is paid by a sponsor or if you are a UCC PLUS/ HEAR student.

Other fees payable for vaccines and TB screening blood test as required.

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**Q: I have paid this Fee to UCC previously as part of another UCC course. Do I pay again?**

**A:** Students are liable to pay the fee to Student Health UCC once only. If you have paid this fee to Student Health UCC previously let us know and we will confirm this in your records. You will not be liable to pay the fee to us twice.

**Q: I have obtained all these immunisations elsewhere; do I have to pay the fee?**

**A:** Yes, you must pay the core fee of 110 euro. Your full immunisation and medical history will be reviewed and confirmed by the Student Health Department. You will be deemed to have cleared all the ID screening and immunisation requirements only ***after*** your Hepatitis B immunity status (in addition to full EPP bloods for those course undertaking Exposure Prone Procedures EPP’s) has been confirmed by an Identified Validated Sample (IVS**)** blood test **undertaken in the Student Health Department**, and documentation of previous immunisations and/or TB screening has been received.

**Q: Why do I have to pay a fee if I have been obtained these immunisations elsewhere?**

**A:** The core fee of 110 euro is payable even if you require no further vaccination boosters. This covers the cost of professional time involved in reviewing your immunisation and medical history, loading this data, undertaking the IVS blood test to confirm Hepatitis B immunity, the provision of personal certificates of immunisation, immunity and ID screening clearance, the generation of annual reports of the immunity status of all students, administrating the programme.

**Q: Can I get a certificate of my ID screening and immunity status?**

**A:** Certificates of your immunity status will be provided to you on request, once you have been deemed to have cleared the ID screening and immunisation requirements for UCC Healthcare Students. Directions on application for certificate of immunity status is available through the Student Health and Wellbeing webpage under ‘How to access your records’.

**Q: What is involved in Tuberculosis screening and immunisation?**

**A:** You must be screened to ensure you do not have Tuberculosis. This involves a ‘symptom and exposure’ questionnaire. In addition an IGRA Quantiferon blood test is required (if you have not had BCG vaccination previously **or** you have lived for >1 month in a country with high endemicity of TB in the previous 2 years. BCG vaccine is currently unavailable and is not a requirement for your course.

Depending on travel history you may also need a chest x-ray. You should remain vigilant and be aware of the symptoms of TB: persisting cough, night sweats, coughing up blood, or weight loss. If in doubt and you are concerned, discuss with a Student Health Doctor.

**Q: Is it mandatory that I receive/have received a full course of 2 doses MMR vaccine?**

**A:** A full course of 2 lifetime doses of MMR vaccine **is** recommended for healthcare students training in Ireland. It is not mandatory, however. There has been a significant outbreak of Mumps in University over the past few years, with students ill and occasionally missing time and unable to complete examinations in University. Cases of Measles in healthcare students have also occurred.

**Q: Why are blood tests for IgG levels for Measles/Mumps not accepted as proof of immunity?**

**A:** Interpretation of Mumps IgG levels is problematic as **there is no IgG level that definitively indicates immunity in those vaccinated**. Evidence of immunity for individuals born in or since 1978 is **documented evidence of 2 doses of MMR.** In the absence of this evidence you should be vaccinated with at least a lifetime’s total of 2 doses of MMR vaccines, minimum 1 months apart.