

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK STUDENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

VACCINATION REPORT FORM

- Ensure your personal details on the **Vaccination Report Form** are correct. Correct any details if incorrect. Add any missing data. Complete the TB Travel history and Consent Section.
- Send the **Vaccination Report Form** to your Doctor. Ask your Doctor to enter the dates you received any of the vaccines listed in the relevant sections. The Doctor should also sign and stamp the Form.
- If your current Doctor does not have your complete vaccination records these may be available from your previous GP. In Ireland vaccine records are held at 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.
- Return the completed **Vaccination Report Form** to:

Dr Michael Byrne, Ardpatrik, Student Health, UCC, College Rd, Cork.

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

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/academicgov/policies/student-policies/>

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 Administration of the Screening programme.

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

Payment is by bank card only. **Payment is due 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, where required :

Item ¹	Fee
IGRA TB Test ²	100
Hepatitis B vaccine 3-Dose Standard Schedule ²	120
Hepatitis B vaccine 4-Dose Accelerated Schedule ²	160
Hepatitis B additional doses (per dose) ²	40
Varicella Zoster vaccine (per dose) ²	60
Chest X Ray ³	Varies

1. UCC Access students are exempt from fees, other than fee for Chest X ray where needed.
2. Payable if required
3. Payable if required. Costs vary according to services referred to.

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These vaccination data must be completed and signed by a Medical Doctor.

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

Return completed Vaccination Report Form only, to UCC Student Health ASAP.

First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

UCC Student No.

Course of Study:

**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

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 no longer available

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about UCC ID Screening and Immunisation programme

Q: What immunisations are recommended for and provided for UCC Healthcare students?

A: Students (who are not previously 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 or your Doctor can include the dates when filling out your medical form.

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

A: None of the vaccines are mandatory however 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/>

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 COVID-19 vaccination and boosters. They should 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. All students are liable to pay the fee unless the fee has previously been paid to UCC by you whilst undertaking another course or is paid by UCC+ .

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. If additional service such as IGRA or CXR are required these will attract a fee

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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 written confirmation of all 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 or IGRA TB blood tests. 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, and the generation of annual reports of the immunity status of all students and co-ordinating and 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'.

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

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 + IGRA blood test (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.

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 unable to complete examinations/missing time in University. Cases of Measles in Healthcare students have also occurred. None of the vaccines are mandatory however 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: Why are blood tests for IgG levels for Measles/Mumps not accepted as proof of immunity?

A: Interpretation of mumps and measles IgG levels is problematic as **there is no IgG level that definitely 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.