**Ouachita Baptist University**

**Immunization Requirements.**

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Requirements**

The Arkansas Department of Health (State Law Act 141 of 1987 and revised 2014)) and Ouachita Baptist University requires that each student provide proof of immunizations for Measles, Mumps, Rubella commonly called MMR. It is a series of 2 shots normally received around 12 months and 4-5 years old.

You must upload a copy of your immunization record obtained from your health care provider (doctor, PA, RNP), public health department or previous Arkansas educational institution. The record must be signed or have an official stamp from the health care provider or representative. In lieu of receiving the vaccine, immunity can be shown by providing documented evidence of appropriate serological testing (lab titers for measles, mumps and rubella).

**Meningitis Information**

Arkansas Act 1233 of 1999 requires us to inform you of a bacterial infection known as meningitis. Although meningitis is rare, individuals who live in close proximity to many others, such as in residence halls have a slightly higher risk of contracting this disease. There are vaccines available and Ouachita Baptist University recommends that all students living in residence halls discuss receiving this vaccine with their health care provider.

**Recommended Immunizations/Vaccines**

In addition to the normal childhood vaccines, the following are immunizations for incoming college students as ***RECOMMENDED*** by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the American College Health Association (ACHA).

Recommended Vaccines

* TD/TDaP Tetanus/Diptheria/Pertussis booster every 10 years
* HPV or Human Papilloma Vaccine – three doses for lifetime immunity
* Hepatitis A vaccine – two doses for lifetime immunity
* Hepatitis B Vaccine – Two or Three doses for lifetime immunity depending on the vaccine received
* Meningococcal- Men ACWY and Men B
* Varicella two doses for life time immunity

**Exemption: Religious, Philosophical, Medical**

Exemptions include those students who were born prior to January 1st, 1957 (must provide documentation of birth such as birth certificate) and those who have applied for or received a medical or mon-medical exemption from the Arkansas Department of Health. If you desire to request an exemption from the Immunizations for medical or non-medical, the Arkansas Department of Health is the only one that can grant the request. The Online application process can be obtained through the Arkansas Department of Health Website-- <https://onlineimmunizationexemption.adh.arkansas.gov/WebsiteContent/Home-Page.aspx> They can also be contacted via email @ immunization.section@arkansas.gov or call 501-661-2169 with any questions. Once you receive the Letter from the Arkansas Department of Health, please upload the letter into the Immunization section of your portal.

If you have applied for the exemption and have not received your letter prior to the final registration process then you will need to contact Health Services at 870-245-5244 or by email wallacem@obu.edu.

\*\* Exemptions granted by another state are not accepted and you must apply yearly for the Exemption through the Arkansas Department of Health

**Tuberculosis (TB) Screening**

**Complete the *TB form* and upload**

Tuberculosis screening is recommended for all entering students. If one of the criteria below apply, TB Screening is required such as a TB skin test or IGRA blood test (TB spot or QFT gold). BCG is not a substitute for TB screening, IGRA blood test is recommended if you have had a BCG.

1. Were you born outside of the US in an endemic area such as **Asia, Africa, Central or South America or Eastern Europe**?
2. Are you a U.S. Citizen who has lived outside of the United States for more than 8 weeks continuously or have visited above endemic areas frequently?
3. Have you had contact with a person know to have Tuberculosis?
4. Do you have a medical condition that suppresses the immune system?

Provide documentation of TB Screening (PPD Mantoux skin test read and documented in millimeters of induration or TB blood test (done in the U.S. within 6 months prior to enrollment).

If you have a positive TB skin test or TB blood test, then a chest x-ray is required. A chest x-ray is not required if the skin test is positive and subsequent blood test is negative.

*\*\* If you are considered an International Student, please contact that office or visit their website for instructions on Immunization records, health Form and Tuberculosis screening.*

**Health and Authorization Form**

**Please complete the *Health and Authorization Form* and upload.**

This form has basic health information to complete that includes past and current health information, medications and allergies. At the bottom, there is an authorization section to complete with whom you give authorization for Health Services to speak with concerning your protected health information.

**Steps to upload the records on your Portal.**

1. Read the above Immunization requirements carefully. You must be uploaded your Immunization records to complete the final registration process.
2. Print out and complete the Health and Authorization Form and The TB Screening form.
3. Scan your records to be uploaded into three different files; preferable using JPG or PDF format. In other words, you will have three different document files ---immunization documents, TB screening form and Health Form.
4. On your portal under the appropriate category, (Health Form, TB Screening form or Immunization records) **Choose File** then click on **Upload.** )
5. Your forms will be reviewed; if there are no questions then it will say **Received** on your portal. You will be contacted through your OBU email f your immunizations are incomplete or for any other questions concerning your forms.