

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER INTERNAL POLICIES**

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**34.99.99.Z1.01 Guidelines for Immunizations**

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**1. GENERAL/OVERVIEW**

As an academic health science center dedicated to educating health care professionals and biomedical researchers, the HSC has a responsibility to support the health of its students, faculty and staff, as well as the people in the community with whom they come in contact. Toward this end, the HSC has established immunization guidelines for students, faculty and staff based on probability of exposure. These guidelines are consistent with the immunization requirements of *Texas Administrative Code*, Rule Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B<sup>1</sup> and recommendations for adult immunizations from the Centers for Disease Control.

**2. REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS**

For required and recommended immunizations for HSC students, faculty, and staff , refer to Appendix A.

2.2.1 All faculty and staff must provide written documentation of required immunizations signed by a health care provider to Human Resources at the time of hire.

2.2.2 Students must submit written documentation of required immunizations signed by a health care provider to the Admissions Office of college/school in which they have been admitted prior to enrollment. Failure to comply will result in a hold on an applicant's record that will block registration.

**3. EXEMPTIONS**

Certain exemptions are allowed for required immunizations. These include the following:

3.3.1 An affidavit or certificate signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States stating the physician's opinion that the required immunization would be injurious to the health or well-being of

the student, faculty or staff member or any members of his/her household or family;

- 3.3.2 An affidavit signed by the applicant stating the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the applicant is an adherent or member (Note: This exemption does not apply if an emergency or epidemic has been declared by the commissioner of public health); or
- 3.3.3 Proof that he or she is a member of the US armed forces and is on active duty.

#### **4. REVIEW**

This policy and all guidelines for immunization will be reviewed annually for any changes recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and for compliance with state and federal law.

#### **5. CONTACTS**

Inquiries and questions about the immunization requirements should be directed to the Admissions offices in each HSC component for students and the HSC Human Resources Office for faculty and staff.

#### **OFFICES OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**Vice President for Finance and Administration**

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<sup>1</sup>**Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Immunization Requirements in Texas Elementary and Secondary Schools and Institutions of Higher Education.**