

EMS Education

Immunization/Physical Policy 2022

Immunizations:

Students are required to have successfully completed immunizations or immunization series, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, prior to the beginning of the EMS course. Please note, some of these series will require a month or more to complete, so they must be started right away. The following immunizations are required of all students, except in those with documented contraindications (e.g., allergy):

- *Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (Tdap)*– please note that the pertussis component was not approved for adults until 2005. Also, this immunization is good for a maximum of ten years. If it has been at least ten years since a previous booster (either Tdap or Diphtheria/Tetanus [Td]), a booster must be obtained. If a booster is due, the student must get a Tdap, unless Tdap has previously been administered.
- *Hepatitis B, recombinant series* (note, this consists of three injection series over at least six months). A minimum of two doses must be administered before class begins.
- *Measles* (except in those individuals born before 1957) – Must have two doses after their first birthday. The second dose must have been received after December 31, 1979. A titer is required after for those with a history of measles.
- *Mumps* (except in those individuals born before 1957) – Immunization must have occurred after the student was 12 months old. A titer is required after for those with a history of mumps.
- *Rubella* (except in those individuals born before 1957) – Immunization must have occurred after the student was 15 months of age. A titer is required after for those with a history of rubella.
- *Varicella* (except in those individuals born before 1957) –Must have two doses. A varicella titer is required after for those with a history of chickenpox. If the titer is negative for immunity, the student must receive the immunizations.
- *Influenza*
- *COVID-19 Vaccine*

The following is highly recommended:

- *Polio*

It is necessary for you to obtain information regarding the immunizations you currently have received. The health care provider should record the information on the form approved by EMS Education. The form must be submitted to the Center for Lifelong Learning no later than the Wednesday before the first day of class.

If you are a Cedarville University student and find that you need to update some immunizations, the UMS may be able to provide them, which may result in substantial savings to the student. Also, please

realize that you may be able to get immunizations for little or no cost through your physician (i.e., paid for by your insurance) or possibly health departments where you live.

Students not meeting immunization requirements by the Wednesday before class will be dismissed from the program.

Tuberculosis Testing

Students are required to be tested with a two-step tuberculin skin test (not the Tine test). This requirement may be satisfied by a lab test performed using the BAMT (Blood Assay for Mycobacterium Tuberculosis). Students with a previous positive to either of these tests, including those who have received the BCG vaccine, will be required to have a chest x-ray, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov>). Those with a positive BAMT must also show proof of treatment.

Physical Examinations

All students are required to have a physical examination. EMS Education will provide an EMS Physical form which must be completed by UMS or a Physician and returned to the Center for Lifelong Learning no later than the first day of class.