

## CALVIN COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES IMMUNIZATION HELPFUL HINTS

### New Students

1. No physical exam is required.  
(Students born prior to 1/1/57 need only provide proof of tetanus booster shot, Chicken Pox, Hepatitis B, and TB screening.)
2. The Immunization History form must be signed by a health care professional (MD, DO, NP, PA, RN or Health Department or Physician Office stamp).
3. Pay careful attention to the immunization requirements. If you don't meet the requirement – get another injection, and have the provider document.
  - **MMR (Measles Mumps Rubella):** Please note that 2 doses of MMR vaccine are required – dose 1 must be on or after your first birthday, dose 2 must be at least 4 weeks after dose 1.
  - **Hepatitis B:** This is a 3-shot series that takes 4-6 months to complete. All new students must complete the series during the first academic year- either on campus or by providing documentation of completed series from a provider.
  - **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** The vaccination is needed only if you have never had the chicken pox. **Two** doses of the vaccination are required, given at least 28 days apart.
  - **Tuberculosis:** Complete, sign and return the TB Self-Screening Form to Health Services. If you answer yes to any of the questions on the form you should get a TB test. Have the health care provider document the test and results on the Immunization History form, or schedule an appointment with Health Services.
  - **Meningitis:** One dose of either Polysaccharide (MPSV4) or Conjugate (MCV4) vaccine is required.

### **BE A DETECTIVE.**

- Check your baby book, personal medical records, public health department, former physicians, or schools you attended to find immunization records.
  - Take documents from these sources to your current physician's office or the Health Department for review, update, and signature by a health care professional.
4. Exemptions: A vaccination waiver must be signed and submitted to Health Services.
    - Medical: Attach a signed statement from your physician.
    - Religious or personal: Attach a signed statement regarding your convictions.
  5. Prior to returning your Immunization History form to us, make a copy for yourself.

### Readmitted Students

Complete only the Health History Form, including your Calvin student ID number. We will check your previous immunization records and alert you to any updates needed. You will also need to complete insurance information.

When all of your forms are complete, you will receive a “completion email.”  
If forms are incomplete, you will receive an email and letter detailing the missing information.

For further information regarding immunization requirements, immunizations and the diseases they prevent,  
please refer to the following web sites:  
Center for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)  
American College Health Association at [www.acha.org](http://www.acha.org)

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