

IMMUNIZATION Q&A

1. Where can I find my immunization records?

Public High School if recent graduate.
Current physician or pediatrician
Health Department

These records may not fulfill all requirements, but they will give you a great start!

2. I'm an older, non-traditional full time student. Do I still have to turn in my records? Where can I find my records?

All full time students must submit a completed Certificate of Immunization. We accept childhood records, military records and records from employers and blood tests for immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. If you can not locate documentation of a Tetanus/diphtheria vaccine given in the last 10 years, you probably need one and should preferably update with Tdap. State law allows you to waive two vaccines- hepatitis b and meningococcal meningitis. Check with your program of study and read the information in the Certificate of Immunization regarding these diseases to determine if you are at risk and should be vaccinated. Titters and immunizations are available for a fee at Student Health Services. Please check our web site for immunization hours/vaccine and titer prices.

3. Does my information need to be filled out on the VCU Certificate of Immunization or will other official documents fulfill the requirements?

We can accept official documentation from previous schools, physicians, employers, health departments, military records, and any other official documentation you may have. Attach all forms and copies of records to the VCU Certificate of Immunization.

4. Where do I turn in my records?

Records may be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed to the address on the top of the Certificate of Immunizations. Records may be hand delivered during our normal business hours. Please see our web site for immunization hours on both campuses.

5. My records are not in English. Can I still turn them in?

VCU requires the submission of all records in English. Students are responsible for obtaining official translations.

6. Do all students need a tuberculosis skin test? I was not born in the United States and had the BCG vaccine. Do I still need a TB skin test?

Please read the screening questionnaire located on the back of the first page of the Certificate of Immunization to determine if you will need the TB skin test. **All students entering a health care profession must have a TB skin test.** BCG is a vaccine given to individuals who live in a country where TB is common (it is not given in the US). The vaccine protects very young children and infants and it's efficacy declines with age. You may still have a TB skin test even if you received the BCG vaccine.

Please call us or check our web site for vaccine hours, immunization requirements, and additional information. Our telephone number is 804-827-8047. Our Fax is 804-828-1093. The immunization department staff is eager to assist you!