

Georgia Tech Immunization Requirements

| Requirement | What is the requirement? | What are the ways I can meet this requirement? |
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| <p>MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)</p> | <p>You must demonstrate that you have immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.</p> <p>U.S./Canadian born students born before 1957 do not need to complete this requirement. MMR vaccines are required for all international born students.</p> | <p>There are three ways you can meet this requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive two MMR vaccines at least 24 days apart after your first birthday. (This is common in the United States.) 2. Receive separate Measles (two doses), Mumps (two doses), and Rubella (one dose) vaccines. The two doses for Measles and Mumps must be at least 24 days apart and after your first birthday. The Rubella vaccine must be after your first birthday. (This method of receiving the vaccines is common in some countries outside of the United States.) 3. If you had these vaccines previously and are unable to obtain your records or if you had the disease previously and believe you already have immunity, you can have Titer (IGG) blood tests performed to check for immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. These tests can be performed any time in the past or you may have them performed now. You will need to provide us with a copy of the official lab report with definitive lab values and reference ranges in English for these tests. If the tests indicate that you are not immune to Measles, Mumps, or Rubella, then you will need to complete option 1 or 2 above. <p>*MMR vaccines are live virus vaccines. If you need more than one live virus vaccine, live virus vaccine doses must be given on the same day or be given at least 28 days apart from each other.</p> |

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| <p>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</p> | <p>If you were born in 1980 or later, you must demonstrate that you have immunity to Varicella.</p> <p>U.S./Canadian born students born before 1980 do not need to complete this requirement. Varicella is required for all international born students.</p> | <p>There are two ways you can meet this requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive two Varicella vaccines at least 24 days apart after your first birthday. 2. If you had these vaccines previously and are unable to obtain your records or if you had the disease previously and believe you already have immunity, you can have a Titer (IGG) blood test performed to check for immunity to Varicella. This test can be performed any time in the past or you may have it performed now. You will need to provide us with a copy of the official lab report with definitive lab values and reference ranges for this test in English if you are immune. If the test indicates that you are not immune to Varicella, then you will need to complete option 1 above. <p>*We do not accept a history of having Varicella (chicken pox) disease for this requirement. Documentation of two injections or a lab report showing a positive titer is required.</p> <p>*Varicella vaccines are live virus vaccines. If you need more than one live virus vaccine, live virus vaccine doses must be given on the same day or be given at least 28 days apart from each other.</p> |
| <p>Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis</p> | <p>You must demonstrate that you have been vaccinated for Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis.</p> <p>This vaccination must be current as protection provided by the vaccine is valid only for 10 years.</p> | <p>There is one way to meet this requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must receive a Tdap vaccine after your 10th birthday. If you received the Tdap vaccine more than ten years ago, you must receive either a Tdap or Td booster dose within the past ten years. <p>*DTaP vaccines do not meet this requirement since they are not an adult dose of the vaccine.</p> <p>*We are aware that the Tdap vaccine is not available in some countries. Students from those countries can receive their Tdap upon arrival at Georgia Tech.</p> <p>*The DTP vaccine offered in Europe is for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Polio and does not meet this requirement.</p> |

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| Hepatitis B | You must demonstrate that you have immunity to Hepatitis B. | <p>There are five ways to meet this requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hepatitis B vaccine is offered as a three-dose series (Engerix-B in the United States). For this three-dose series, you must receive doses one and two at least 24 days apart. Doses two and three must be at least 52 days apart. Doses one and three must be at least 16 weeks apart. These are the minimum times between the doses. The standard schedule is one month between doses one and two, then five months between doses two and three.2. Hepatitis B vaccine is also offered as a two-dose series (Heplisav-B in the United States) to those who are age 18 or older. For this two-dose series, you must receive doses one and two at least one month apart. This is the only two-dose series that we accept.3. Hepatitis B vaccine is also offered as a three-dose combination vaccine with Hepatitis A also known as Twinrix. For this three-dose series, you must receive doses one and two at least 24 days apart. Doses two and three must be at least 52 days apart. Doses one and three must be at least 16 weeks apart. These are the minimum times between the doses. The standard schedule is one month between doses one and two, then five months between doses two and three.4. If you received any of the above vaccines on a different schedule, please submit your records and we can advise you as to whether the vaccines meet an approved alternate schedule.5. If you had these vaccines previously and believe you already have immunity, but are unable to obtain the records for your vaccines, you can have a Titer (HBsAb) blood test performed to check for immunity to Hepatitis B. This test can be performed any time in the past or you may have it performed now. You will need to provide us with a copy of the official lab report with definitive lab values and reference ranges in English for this test if you are immune. If the test indicates that you are not immune to Hepatitis B, then you will need to complete option 1, 2, or 3 above. |
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| <p>Meningococcal ACWY</p> | <p>For students under 22 years of age, you must demonstrate that you have been vaccinated for Meningitis (MCV4 - ACWY strains).</p> <p>The vaccination must be administered after your 16th birthday as protection from the vaccine is only valid for five years.</p> | <p>There is one way to meet this requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must receive a Meningococcal (MCV4 - ACWY) vaccine after your 16th birthday. <p>Please note that Meningococcal ACWY vaccine is different from Meningitis B vaccine. GT requires only Meningococcal ACWY vaccine, not Meningitis B vaccine. We do, however, recommend Meningococcal B vaccine.</p> |
| <p>Tuberculosis Screening</p> | <p>You must undergo a screening for Tuberculosis no more than 6 months before the start date of your first semester at Georgia Tech.</p> | <p>The type of screening that you need to complete depends on where you were born, not residency or citizenship.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">U.S./Canadian Born Students</p> <p>Complete a Tuberculosis screening form on the Forms page of our Patient Portal (https://gatech.medicatconnect.com).</p> <p>If the form determines that you are not at risk for Tuberculosis, then the form is the only item you need to complete for this screening.</p> <p>If the form determines you are at risk for Tuberculosis, you will need to complete either a PPD skin test (performed in the U.S. or Canada) or IGRA blood test to screen for Tuberculosis. You must provide us with either the PPD test report or the official IGRA lab report with definitive lab values and reference ranges.</p> <p>If the PPD skin test or IGRA test are positive, a chest x-ray performed in the US is required. If a chest x-ray is performed, you must provide us with the official x-ray report.</p> <p>*If receiving live vaccines at the same time as IGRA testing, IGRA test must be performed prior to, on the same day as the live vaccines, or 28 days later.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">International Born Students</p> <p>Complete an IGRA (Interferon Gamma Release Assay) blood test (Quantiferon^R or T-Spot^R). You must provide us the official IGRA lab report with definitive lab values and reference ranges in English.</p> <p>If the IGRA test is positive, a chest x-ray performed in the US is required. If a chest x-ray is performed, you must provide us with the official x-ray report in English.</p> |

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