Dear Applicant,

Any applicant accepted into Tufts University Dental School of Medicine for the 2020-2021 academic year must provide immunization documentation for the State and University requirements, listed below, by June 1, 2020. Upon admission additional information and forms will be sent to students.

It is best to start gathering your documentation early, as it may take several weeks to retrieve records, and some of the requirements will likely require an appointment with your health care provider. If it is impossible to obtain documentation of past immunizations, you must provide positive antibody titer lab reports as proof of immunity, or be vaccinated again.

The following immunizations/testing are required as a condition of matriculation:

- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella:** Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine or positive antibody titers.

- **Tetanus Diphtheria Acellular Pertussis (Tdap):** One adult dose of Tdap vaccine, unless current Td booster is less than two years old—*If Tdap is ten years old, a new Td booster is required.*

- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine **AND positive surface antibody** (blood work). *The Dental School requires testing for immunity once series is complete.*  
  *The hepatitis B vaccine is a three-dose series, which takes six months to complete. For students who have not already started the series, documentation for two doses of the vaccine must be submitted by the June 1st deadline.*

- **Tuberculosis testing:**
  - **For those with past negative tests, or no test history:** test given within one year prior to start date and updated annually.
  - **For those with a positive test history or those who convert to positive:** submit documentation of past, positive test and a negative chest x-ray report from within one year prior to start date.

- **Varicella** (chickenpox): Physician verification of year of disease, positive antibody titer lab report, or two doses of vaccine.

- **Meningococcal:** One dose of vaccine within five years prior to start date or completion of the State Waiver Form.

- **Influenza:** The 2020-2021 seasonal influenza vaccine or signed influenza waiver is required for all students with patient contact, unless medically contraindicated. Strongly recommended for all others.

If you have questions after reading the material, please call, 617-636-2712, or visit our website at [https://medicine.tufts.edu/administration/SAHA/immunizations](https://medicine.tufts.edu/administration/SAHA/immunizations)  Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Lucia Fenney  
Immunization Administrator