

# Vaccination Policy

The health and safety of the university community is our top priority, and Denison makes every effort to ensure that the university is as proactive as possible at protecting the health and well-being of our community. While the vaccination requirement alone cannot always stop outbreaks, the medical evidence shows that higher vaccination levels among a population lead to greater protection and less severe symptoms should an outbreak occur.

**With this in mind, all students must complete Denison University vaccination requirements before the start of the student's first semester. The seasonal flu vaccine is currently required annually at the appropriate time -- a vaccination deadline for the seasonal flu vaccine will be announced annually in accordance with public health guidance. Failure to meet the applicable requirements may result in a hold placed on the student account, prohibiting the scheduling classes and access to residence halls, and/or the rescission of an admission offer.**

## Required Vaccinations

The university selected the required vaccines based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, which the State of Ohio also follows for grades K-12. Additionally, Denison added the meningococcal conjugate (ACWY) vaccination for students who are new to residence halls because college students are at higher risk for the disease, particularly those living in dense living quarters such as residence halls. Following are the required vaccinations:

### COVID-19

A completed [WHO-approved COVID vaccine series](#) is required (e.g. two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson and Johnson). Denison also strongly recommends students receive booster doses when eligible [per CDC guidelines](#).

### Measles, Mumps, Rubella

Two (2) doses of MMR; first dose on or after first birthday

OR

Two (2) doses of Measles, two (2) doses of Mumps, and one (1) dose of Rubella

OR

Lab report confirming immunity

### Meningococcal Conjugate (ACWY)

One (1) dose Menveo, Menactra, or MenQuadfi at 16 years of age or older

### Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis

Five (5) dose series at 2, 4, 6, 15–18 months, 4–6 years PLUS Td/Tdap within the last 10 years

### Hepatitis B

Three (3) dose series at 0, 1–2, 6–18 months

OR

Lab report confirming immunity

### **Varicella**

Two (2) dose series at 12–15 months, 4–6 years

OR

No previous vaccination or no evidence of immunity 2 dose series 4-8 weeks apart

OR

Lab report confirming immunity

(Documentation of the history of the disease does not satisfy the requirement)

### **Influenza**

One (1) dose annually, to be administered early fall

(Due to the timing of Influenza vaccine availability, this requirement may be met after arriving on campus in September or October)

### **International Students**

Denison is aware that some international students may not have access to certain vaccinations before arriving on campus. The Wellness Center will work with international students to obtain any required vaccinations that are unavailable prior to their arrival. These students are required to notify the Wellness Center by sending an email to [wellness@denison.edu](mailto:wellness@denison.edu).

### **Vaccination Exemption Policy**

At Denison University, we strive to balance the health and safety of our community with the practical realities of operating an entirely residential campus. Based on input from public health experts, we require a series of vaccinations -- including those for COVID-19 and influenza -- to enroll as a student at Denison. Medical exemptions to vaccination requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis by completing the exemption request process through the wellness portal on [MyDenison](#).

If you have any questions about Denison's Vaccination Policy, please reach out via email to [admission@denison.edu](mailto:admission@denison.edu).