



BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

IMMUNIZATION AND TB TESTING INFORMATION

Barton County Community College in accordance with the Kansas Department of Health and Education (KDHE) regulations does not require proof of immunization. However, it is extremely important that your immunizations be current. In a college setting, you will be in contact with many new people. Such diseases as mumps, measles, chicken pox and whooping cough are highly contagious and can spread rapidly in concentrated populations such as school. It is necessary that you be immunized not only for your own health and safety but also for the health and safety of those around you. Those **not** immunized are at risk for exposure to disease, some of which can cause serious complications for individuals not protected against them. Students who do not have immunization documentation at the college may be required to leave campus in the event of an outbreak. The American College Health Association (ACHA) recommends the college offer students and parents an immunization guideline for consideration. Exemptions to immunizations may be accepted by the institution for medical or religious reasons. The following are recommended immunizations for college/university students:

*****MENACTRA OR MENINGOCOCCAL (Meningitis)*****

REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS LIVING IN CAMPUS HOUSING

studies suggest younger students who live in dorms, those who smoke, and those who spend more than four hours a week in bars may be at greater risk for developing this disease. It is a rare but severe and frequently fatal disease. 1 in 20,000 students living in residence halls will contract this disease. Risk of contracting is low, but **it can be rapidly fatal if contracted**.

The vaccine is given in one (1) dose. There is no determination with Menactra that booster vaccines will be needed. Meningococcal protects three (3) to five (5) years.

Available with pre-registration and fee payment.

*****INFLUENZA (Flu)*****

Annual vaccine generally given in October, to avoid serious illness from influenza. It is recommended for anyone with respiratory or other medical condition that could compromise his ability to fight infection. Sometimes these other conditions are intensified by lack of adequate hours of sleep and poor nutritional intake which college students are frequently guilty.

Available with pre-registration and fee payment.

*****MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella)*****

Students born after 1957 recommended two (2) doses of combined MMR vaccine.

Available with pre-registration and fee payment.

*****DPT (DIPHTHERIA, pertussis, tetanus)*****

Primary series completed in childhood. Booster at ages 11-12 years.

(**DT**) booster every 10 years after.

(Adacel) tetanus with pertussis---recommended if have not had booster for whooping cough (pertussis)

Available with pre-registration and fee payment

*****POLIO*****

Primary series completed in childhood. Booster only if needed for foreign travel after age 18 years.

NOT AVAILABLE at Student Services.

*****HEPATITIS B*****

Primary series of three (3) doses given over six month period in early childhood or may be given prior to college entry.

This disease can be acutely fatal or cause liver cancer many years after contracted. It is spread through blood, blood products, injection drug use (sharing needles) or sexual contact.

Available with pre-registration and fee payment.

*****VARICELLA (Chicken pox)*****

Primary series of two (2) doses given in childhood, or to college students without history of having the disease. Chicken pox can be a severe (even fatal) disease in adults. If you have not had the disease, this vaccination is recommended.

NOT AVAILABLE at Student Services—check with own physician or health department.

*****TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING*****

Recommended for all students. Available for minimal fee.

TUBERCULOSIS RISK ASSESSMENT

CHECK HERE _____ if you have any of the following **symptoms of possible tuberculosis**.

Unexplained elevation of temperature for more than one week,

Unexplained weight loss,

Night sweats,

or persistent cough for more than 3 weeks, or a productive cough of bloody sputum.

CHECK HERE _____ if you have any of the following **risk factors for tuberculosis**.

Close contact with a known case of active tuberculosis.

Injected illegal drugs.

Infected with HIV.

Past or present health care worker.

Have a malignancy, silicosis, gastrectomy, end-stage kidney disease.

Have a suppressed immune system, diabetes, chronic renal failure, cancer, chronic corticosteroid use (prednisone).

Been a resident, employee or volunteer in a jail, prison, halfway house, homeless shelter, nursing home, hospital or other health care facility.

CHECK HERE _____ If you were born, have lived, or recently visited any of the following **areas with a high prevalence of Tuberculosis** as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Russia, Mexico, Central and South America, Southeast Asia, Caribbean

IF YOU CHECK ANY OF THE ABOVE BOXES, YOU NEED TO HAVE A TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST.

Mandatory for ALL international students.

International students must go to Health Office **within 24 hours** of arrival on campus for appropriate tuberculin screening.

If student has had a past positive skin test, a chest x-ray is required to show absence of possible disease. If the student has been treated for tuberculosis in the past, records IN ENGLISH from the treating physician or clinic must be provided indicating successful treatment of disease.

International students receive first skin test at no charge. Additional tests or chest-x-rays are the responsibility of the student.