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**POLICY TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE VACCINES POLICY - STUDENTS****Date of Initial Approval:** 5/18/2021**Date Revised:** 2/26/2024**Category:** 3.0 Administration & Governance**Responsible Department:** Academic Programs

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**PURPOSE & SCOPE**

In accordance with Rocky Vista University's (RVU) duty to provide and maintain a workplace that is free of known hazards, we are adopting this policy to safeguard the health and safety of our students and their families and the community at large from infectious diseases that may be reduced by vaccinations. This policy is based on guidance and recommendations issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration and Prevention and other public health authorities, as applicable. This policy applies to all admitted students as part of their matriculation agreement and current/active students.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

- a. All students are required to receive vaccinations as determined by the Medical Response Team (MRT) unless a reasonable accommodation is approved (Appendix 4). Students not in compliance with this policy may be prohibited from matriculating and/or placed on leave status while determining whether an accommodation will be granted. Students must comply with this prior to clinical experience or clinical rotations.
- b. Students will be notified by appropriate parties (see Roles & Responsibilities) as to the type of vaccination(s) covered by this policy (Appendix 1 & 2), the timeframe(s) for having the vaccine(s) administered and if additional requirements such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be implemented. The University may provide either onsite access to the vaccines or a list of locations to assist students in receiving the vaccine on their own (Appendix 3)
- c. Students in clinical rotations must adhere to the vaccination requirements of rotation sites. Those students not in compliance with a vaccine requirement of a rotation site will not be permitted to rotate in that location; this may limit their ability to fulfill rotation requirements and may delay graduation.
- d. Before the stated deadlines to be vaccinated have expired, students will be required to provide either written proof of vaccination or an approved reasonable accommodation to be exempted from the requirements.
- e. Students should not provide proof of vaccination that includes any genetic information (e.g., family medical history). Any documentation received by a student will be kept confidential to the extent required by law.

**ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

<b>Medical Response Team (MRT)</b>	Notify student programs as to the type of vaccination(s) covered by this policy and the timeframe(s) for having the vaccine(s) administered.
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	<p>Review and update the list of required and recommended tests and vaccinations annually (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2).</p> <p>Review and update the list of vaccination locations annually (Appendix 3).</p> <p>Review the accommodations process annually (Appendix 4).</p>
<b>University Admissions</b>	<p>Communicate vaccine requirements to admitted students intending to matriculate into programs.</p> <p>Ensure that the required documentation for vaccine compliance is uploaded into the designated secure, medical records system prior to matriculation. Deadlines to be determined by University Admissions in collaboration with Program Directors and Deans.</p> <p>*Program Directors may elect to manage vaccination component of the admissions process relative to this policy for their program within their department.</p>
<b>Program Directors/Deans</b>	<p>Communicate post matriculation and special vaccine requirements and deadlines by programmatic year to students. Ensure that students meet these requirements.</p>

**RELATED PROCESSES, PROCEDURES, AND/OR DEFINITIONS**

Appendix 1: Routine Vaccination Requirements for Students

Appendix 2: Annual Vaccination Recommendations and Requirements for Students

Appendix 3: Clinic Locations for Vaccination

Appendix 4: Vaccination Accommodation and Exemption

## **Appendix 1**

### **Routine Vaccination Requirements for Students**

All students are required to complete routine vaccinations prior to matriculation and may be required to provide proof of tests and vaccines again prior to engaging in clinical experiences, clinical rotations or as determined by the student's enrolled program. Pre-Matriculation monitoring will be determined by admissions in collaboration with the programs and/or departments as needed. Monitoring prior to clinical experiences will be determined by programs and/or departments or Clinical Education. Students are expected to adhere strictly to the vaccination requirements and timelines set by their program. The University Medical Response Team **requires** the proof of the following vaccinations:

- Tdap: Must be dated within ten years: Tdap booster within ten years accepted **ONLY** with an original Tdap on file.
- Hepatitis B: A surface antibody (IgG) titer proving immunity.
- MMR: An IgG titer proving immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Birth before 1957 is considered acceptable evidence of presumptive evidence of immunity.
- Varicella: An IgG titer proving immunity. Those without evidence of immunity should receive two doses of varicella vaccine four to eight weeks apart or, if previously received one dose, the second dose at least four weeks after the first dose. ACIP or HICPAC do not recommend that healthcare personnel get tested for immunity to varicella after two doses of vaccine. Documented receipt of two doses of varicella vaccine supersedes results of subsequent serologic testing. Reference: [Varicella Vaccine Recommendations | CDC](#)

The University will utilize a third-party medical record system to process and store vaccine data.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Annual Vaccination Recommendations for Students**

The University Medical Response team **recommends** the following annual vaccines (as permitted by state law):

- **One dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine**

Reference: [CDC - Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

- **Influenza**
- Students participating in university clinics will be **required** to wear masks if they do not receive an Influenza vaccine during peak season of infection as determined by the Senior Director of University Health Centers.

Note: Students entering clinical rotations or experiences will be required to adhere to the vaccination requirements of clinical sites. While COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines are not required by RVU, they may be required at clinical rotation locations. Those students not in compliance with a vaccine requirement of a rotation site or clinic, will not be permitted to rotate in that location. This may also limit the student's ability to fulfill clinical requirements and may delay graduation.

## **Appendix 3**

### **Clinic Locations for Vaccination**

#### **Colorado Locations**

1. RVU Health Clinic  
8401 S Chambers Rd  
Parker, CO  
(720) 875-2880
2. Concentra Centennial  
11877E.ArapahoeRd., Ste.100  
Centennial, CO 80112  
303-792-7368  
Mon-Fri:8 am-6 pm (close to RVU CO campus)
3. Concentra Highlands Ranch  
9330S. University Blvd., Ste.100  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126  
303-346-3627  
Mon - Fri: 8am-8 pm, Sat: 8 am-4 pm, Sun:10 am-4 pm
4. Concentra Aurora Southeast  
10355E. Iliff Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80247  
303-755-4955  
Mon-Fri: 8 am-5 pm
5. Next Care Urgent Care  
16728 E. Smoky Hill Rd., Ste.10-0  
Centennial, CO 80015  
303-766-1006  
Mon-Fri: 8 am - 8 pm, Sat-Sun: 9 am-4 pm
6. Sky Ridge Medical Center  
10101 Ridgeway Parkway  
Lone Tree, CO 80124  
720-225-1000  
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7. Centura Parker Adventist Hospital  
9395 Crown Crest Blvd.  
Parker, CO 80138  
303-269-4000

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### **Utah Locations**

1. RVU Health Clinic  
272 East Center St  
Ivins, UT  
(435) 233-9500
2. Revere Family Medicine and Urgent Care  
195 W. Telegraph St.  
Washington, UT 84780  
(435) 215-0600  
M-F: 9 am – 5 pm; Sat-Sun: closed
3. St. George Urgent Care  
736 South 900 East #203  
St. George, UT 84790  
(435) 673-6131  
M-Sat: 8 am – 8 pm; Sun: 8 am – 5 pm
4. St. George Regional Medical Center – River Road  
1380 E. Medical Center Drive  
St. George, UT 84790  
(435) 251-1000  
24/7
5. St. George Regional Medical Center – East Campus  
544 South 400 East  
St. George, UT 84770  
(435)-688-4000  
24/7

### **Montana Locations**

1. SVHC Broadwater Walk-In Clinic  
2019 Broadwater Ave Billings, MT 59102  
(406) 237-8550
2. Riverstone Health Clinic  
123 S 27th St Billings, MT 59101

(406) 247-3550

3. Billings Clinic  
2675 Central Ave Billings, MT 59102  
(406) 238-2900

## **Appendix 4**

### **Vaccination Accommodation and Exemption**

Any student who requests an exemption to any immunization, screening, and titer requirement due to a medical contraindication or religious mandate for Pre-Matriculation requirements must contact Admissions in writing, via e-mail, within the designated timeframe outlined in the Pre-Matriculation materials upon acceptance into the Program, or immediately upon learning of a new medical contraindication. The request for exemption must include the reason(s) for the request and any applicable supporting documentation.

The University will utilize a third-party medical record system (e.g. Sentry MD) to process and store requests for medical exemption. Requests due to a medical contraindication will be reviewed by a Medical Officer appointed by the University Medical Response Team. Requests for religious exemption will be forwarded to the University Vice President of DEI or a designee for review.

If the request for exemption is approved, the student will be permitted to matriculate; however, the student may not be able to participate in all required educational activities, and the student will be required to acknowledge that not all educational activities or clinical rotations may be available to them. This may result in delayed graduation.

#### **POLICY REVISION HISTORY**

N/A