



PROVIDENCE
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Health Related Issues/Explanation of Health Forms

Medical Exam

It is recommended, but not required, that all students get a complete medical exam prior to beginning their college career. Recognizing that college students (especially residential students) often face increased stress and decreased sleep while in college, this is an important time to have a full “check-up” before beginning this transitional time in the student’s life.

Medical History and Health Form

For the safety of the student and the entire college community, each student must complete a Medical History and Health Form that will be kept confidentially in the office of student life. This form will help us care for the student in an informed way, especially in the case of an emergency. The information will only be used to ensure the health/safety of the student or college community.

Health Insurance

As a condition of enrollment, all students must provide evidence that they have health insurance coverage. This coverage can be through private (independent) plans or family (dependent) plans. This is the responsibility of each student. If a student does not have private or family health insurance, they can request a list of student health insurance providers from the office of student life. If you do not currently have health insurance, you will be required to purchase insurance through the college.

Immunizations

Providence requires all students to be in compliance with the California Department of Health Services recommendations regarding immunizations. These recommendations are also consistent with the U.S. Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American College Health Association (ACHA). All students need to provide medical proof of immunizations (by completing the Medical History and Health Form). Exemptions to the requirements are allowed for medical reasons or personal beliefs.

Immunization Waiver

If, due to medical reasons or personal beliefs, a student (or his/her parent if the student is under 18) chooses not to complete the required immunization, he/she must complete an immunization waiver form. By allowing these exemptions and requiring this waiver, we recognize both the debate over immunizations and the importance of making

an informed decision on this matter. This waiver form is available from the college website.

Required Vaccinations

Hepatitis B Vaccine

A 3-dose series of hepatitis B vaccine is required for all students. The vaccine doses may have been received at any time during the student's life. Students with partially completed series but not currently due for a dose can be admitted on condition that they subsequently complete the series.

Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccines

Two doses of measles-containing vaccines at least one of which includes mumps and rubella (MMR), and all doses received on or after the first birthday.

Tetanus-Diphtheria Toxoids

A primary series with three doses of any vaccine(s) containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids with a booster dose every ten years. A Td booster should be given as part of the medical management of a tetanus-prone wound if more than 5 years have elapsed since receipt of last dose.

Varicella Vaccine

One dose if immunized between 1st and 13th birthdays. A 2-dose series is needed if immunization is started on/after 13th birthday. Immunization can be omitted if student has a reliable history of chickenpox disease.

Recommended Vaccinations/Tests

An informed decision should be made regarding each of these vaccinations / tests. Please discuss them with your doctor.

Tuberculin Skin Test

It is recommended that only high risk students or students planning on entering the health professions should be tested for TB.

Meningococcal Disease Vaccine

Evidence suggests that college freshmen, particularly those who live in dormitories, have a slightly increased risk of meningococcal disease.

Influenza Vaccine

It is recommended for students with an underlying medical condition that places them at high risk for serious influenza disease complications.

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

This vaccine is recommended for students with chronic illnesses associated with increased risk for pneumococcal disease or its complications.

Hepatitis A

This vaccination is recommended for high-risk students or those planning on traveling or working in high risk areas.

Polio

A booster is recommended only for students planning international travel to areas where wild poliovirus is still circulating.

If you have any questions regarding Providence's immunizations policy, please contact the office of student life.