

**POLICY: To enter the DCVS Program at Alvin Community College the following immunizations/tests are required. (Required by State Law/Clinical Facilities)**

**Immunization schedule and documentation - All Immunizations should be administered according to the correct dosing schedule and documented on an official shot record including the student's name, dates, provider's signature or stamp and contact information.**

**Titers - A copy of the laboratory report is required for all titer tests. Physician signature, statement of immunity or history of disease is NOT accepted. If any of the titers come back negative the student should consult their physician to determine if a booster or a new series is needed and provide a follow up shot record and titer tests to confirm immunity as soon as it is available.**

#### **PROCEDURE: PRIOR TO APPLICATION**

**Hepatitis B Vaccine:** proof of completion of the hepatitis B vaccination series or serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B is required as a condition of full acceptance to the program. This is a series of 3 shots and can take up to 6 months to complete. **Accelerated series are also accepted. ALL 3 injections are required at time of application.**

In addition to the 3 shot series the Hepatitis B TITER is now required by most clinical sites. Hep B titer should be provided by all applicants prior to the first day of clinical. (Attach laboratory proof of Hep B titer demonstrating immunity)

**Varicella (Chicken pox):**

Vaccination series with two doses of varicella administered 4 – 8 weeks apart

**OR**

Serologic titer test positive for varicella antibody. (Attach laboratory proof of varicella titer demonstrating immunity) Physician statement verifying proof of disease is **NOT** acceptable.

**MMR** – (measles mumps and rubella) Born on or after 1957, 2 doses are required. If born before 1957, one does is required.

**OR**

**Measles** (Rubeola) Those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:

1. Two doses of measles vaccine on or after their first birthday and at least 30 days apart **OR**
2. Serologic test positive for measles antibody (attach laboratory proof of measles titer demonstrating immunity)

**Mumps** – Those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:

1. One dose of mumps vaccine on or after their first birthday **OR**
2. Serologic test positive for mumps antibody (attach laboratory proof of mumps titer demonstrating immunity)

**Rubella** – those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:

1. One does of rubella vaccine on or after their first birthday **OR**
2. Serologic test for rubella antibody (attach laboratory proof or rubella titer demonstrating immunity)

**TDaP:** Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis. All three are NOW required. One dose within the last 10 years and **AFTER** the age of 18 is required.

**Flu Shot:** A seasonal flu vaccine is required annually for continued clinical participation.

**Upon Acceptance** students will also be required to have the following:

(information and required forms will be included in your acceptance packet)

- Physical Exam, documentation of adequate hearing, vision and color vision
- Tuberculin Test (PPD) (or chest x-ray): Required annually - should be done close to the time you begin the program to last throughout the academic year.
- **NEW REQUIREMENT REGARDING THE PPD:**  
According to new CDC recommendations a **QuantIFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT-GIT)** will now be required for the following:

- anyone with a positive PPD (skin test)
- anyone ever having received BCG
- anyone not born in the US (i.e. all foreign born students, regardless of age and length of time in the US)

**The blood test replaces the chest x-ray requirement, and is good for one year.**

- Criminal background check
- Drug screen