#vaccineswork

To protect students from preventable diseases and outbreaks, GVSU recommends all students be fully immunized prior to attending classes. Immunizations may be required by certain academic programs, work, or volunteer activities.

The list provided follows the recommendations for adult immunizations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and recommendations for college students from the American College Health Association (ACHA).

Talk to your healthcare provider to ensure your immunizations are current prior to arriving on campus.

**MCIR - Michigan Care Improvement Registry**

MCIR is a valuable tool for documenting vaccines given to persons in Michigan. By law, anyone born in MI after 1994 has a MCIR record. However, not all primary care offices or urgent care/emergency rooms/hospitals routinely add vaccines to a person’s record when administered. If an out of state or older student brings us their immunization record we will make a MCIR account for them. Learn more at mcir.org.

**Where to Obtain**

These locations are potential resources for getting immunizations. The list is not all inclusive, nor is it intended to direct care to any specific provider or location.

1. **Local Health Care Provider**
   
   **Campus Health Center**
   (Metro Health - University of Michigan Health)
   10383 42nd Ave., Allendale
   616.252.6030
   gvsu.edu/campushealth

   **GVSU Family Health Center**
   72 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids
   616.331.9830
   gvsu.edu/fhc

2. **Local Health Departments**
   
   **Ottawa County**
   616.396.5266
   miottawa.org/health

   **Kent County**
   616.632.7200
   accesskent.com/health/immunizations

3. **Local Pharmacies**
### Recommended Vaccines

**Hepatitis A**
2 doses completed in childhood.

**Hepatitis B**
2-3 doses completed as a child or adult.

**Human Papilloma Virus**
For men and women between 9-26 years old. 2 doses if completed before age 14, and 3 doses if completed after age 15.

**Influenza (Flu)**
Every year.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**
Two doses after 12 months of age.

**Meningitis (ACYW)**
Recommended for all first year students living in residence halls; other students under age 25 may also choose to be vaccinated to reduce risk of disease. Menactra-2 doses in childhood, age 11 yrs and again at 16 years.

**Meningitis B**
Two doses ages 16 - 23 years. College students are at risk of Meningitis B, especially those living in dorms and shared housing. Recommended for all first year students living in residence halls. For best protection, more than 1 dose of a meningococcal B vaccine is needed. There are 2 meningococcal B vaccines available; the same vaccine must be used for all doses.

**Pneumococcal**
Recommended for individuals at risk for pneumonia. Adults 19-64 with asthma or who smoke. Anyone age 2-64 with certain long term health problems or weakened immune system.

**Polio**
Primary series completed in childhood.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis**
Primary series completed as child, then a Tdap after age 11. Tetanus booster every 10 years after receiving Tdap.

**Varicella (Chicken Pox)**
2 doses if you have not had chicken pox disease.

All previously listed immunizations can help reduce outbreaks, which can cause disruption to class attendance and financial burdens.