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### Immunization Requirements Policy

**Purpose:** In accordance with the [California State University Policy \(EO 803\)](#) on immunization requirements, CSU Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) has implemented the following requirements and recommendations.

Cal Maritime is primarily a residential campus, and immunizations will protect residents from highly communicable infections in a congregate living setting. College students, especially those living in residence halls, are known to have a higher risk of meningococcal disease than other teens and young adults because of their proximity to each other.

Our cadets travel on the training ship cruise, commercial cruise, or International Experience and vaccinations will be required or recommended for this travel. Additionally, based on maritime industry standards, many cadets will, at a minimum, require the basic child and adolescent immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Scope:** Cal Maritime requires that all cadets are current for the immunizations listed below. This requirement is not an admission requirement but is a condition of enrollment at Cal Maritime for cadets in all undergraduate programs. Students must have the required immunizations upon enrollment. This policy does not apply to graduate students.

#### Policy:

- **Required Immunizations and Screening**
  - **Hepatitis B:** Students aged 18 and younger should complete the series. Based on the type of vaccine, the series is either two or three doses (CA Health & Safety Code, Sec. 120390.5).
  - **Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR):** Two doses with first dose on or after first birthday; OR positive titer (laboratory evidence of immunity to disease).
  - **Meningococcal B (Meningitis B)\*:** Complete series, may be two or three doses for students aged 16 through 21.

- **Meningococcal conjugate (serotypes A,C,Y, & W-135)\*:** At least one dose at age 16 or older for students through age 21.
- **Screening/Risk Assessment for tuberculosis (TB):** All incoming students must complete a tuberculosis risk questionnaire. Incoming students who are at higher risk for TB infection, as determined by the screening questions, must undergo testing for TB infection within 30 days of Cal Maritime entry.
- **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap):** One dose within the last ten years
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses with first dose on or after first birthday; OR positive titer. *History of contracting the disease does not meet compliance.*

\*These immunizations are not required for students in single semester/short-term international exchange programs.

- **Recommended Immunizations**

In addition to the required immunizations, the following are strongly recommended:

- **COVID-19:** Completion of a primary COVID-19 series plus a booster, if eligible for one.
- **Hepatitis A (Hep A):** All students regardless of age.
- **Hepatitis B (Hep B):** Students aged 19 and older.
- **Human papillomavirus (HPV):** For all students through age 45.
- **Influenza (flu):** Annually for all students, regardless of age.
- **Pneumococcal:** For all students aged 65 and older and for students with certain medical conditions (e.g. asthma, diabetes, chronic liver or kidney disease).
- **Poliovirus (polio):** Regardless of age, if the series was not completed as a child.

- **Meeting the Requirements**

Students will be required to submit their immunizations and documentation no later than October 1st for students starting in the fall semester and February 1st for students starting in the spring semester.

Students may fulfill immunization requirements by submitting medical documentation as proof of immunization online through the secure Point and Click Solutions Health Portal.

- **Exemptions**

Students are permitted to seek exemptions to the above vaccination requirements for medical or sincerely held religious beliefs. Students seeking an exemption will be required to submit an Exemption Request Form to the university. Exemption requests must be submitted by the same deadlines as outlined above.

- **Additional Discretionary Requirements**

In the event of a local or campus-based outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, the local public health department and/or the CDPH is authorized to require immunizations beyond those currently required. Cal Maritime will consult with the appropriate public health authority in case of an outbreak.

- **Holds**

Students who are not compliant with the university's immunization requirements may have their student account placed on hold. This hold may be implemented beginning the second semester of their enrollment at the university and will prevent registration for future terms.

- **Operational Responsibility**

Student Health Services (SHS) will administer the immunization requirement program on behalf of the university. SHS will also be responsible for advising students on how to obtain the required immunizations through private health care providers, local health departments, local pharmacies or SHS. Questions regarding this requirement and options on how to meet the requirements should be directed to SHS.

- **Effective Date**

This policy is in effect for all Cal Maritime cadets with the start of the Fall 2024 term and these less restrictive requirements will also apply to all cadets who enrolled in their academic program Fall 2019 or after.