



# **Immunization and Health Requirements for Rutgers Health Students**

<https://www.rutgers.edu/student-immunizations>

# *Immunizations*

- **Rutgers Health Sciences sets an immunization policy based on:**
  - CDC guidelines
  - NJ State law
  - University-wide policy
- **SHS**
  - Tracks and administers immunizations
  - Works together with your school to ensure immunization compliance

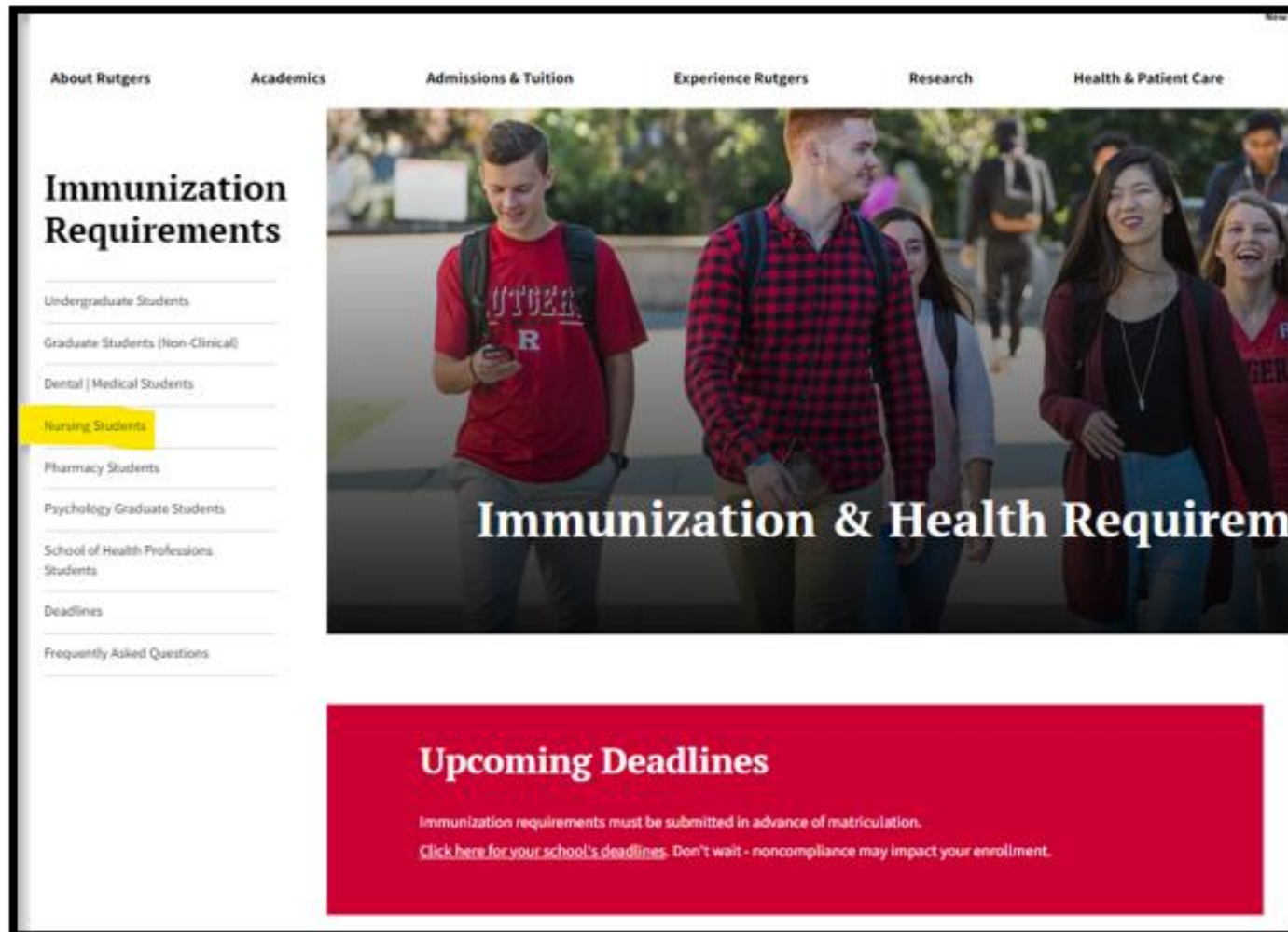
## *Immunization categories (for SON)...briefly*

- Category 1
  - Students with clinical activities, with risk of exposure to blood or potentially infectious body fluids
- Category 4
  - No clinical activities and no risk of exposure to blood or potentially infectious body fluids
- Category 5
  - Web-based only
  - No clinical activities, no risk of exposure to blood or potentially infectious body fluids, and no classroom component
  - Immunizations are recommended but not required

**Students must complete immunization requirements before enrollment. Students cannot wait for clinical rotations.**

# Where to get the packet

<https://www.rutgers.edu/student-immunizations>



The screenshot shows the Rutgers University website page for Immunization Requirements. The page has a navigation bar with links for About Rutgers, Academics, Admissions & Tuition, Experience Rutgers, Research, and Health & Patient Care. The main heading is "Immunization Requirements". Below this heading is a list of student categories: Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students (Non-Clinical), Dental | Medical Students, Nursing Students (highlighted in yellow), Pharmacy Students, Psychology Graduate Students, School of Health Professions Students, Deadlines, and Frequently Asked Questions. To the right of the list is a large image of a group of diverse students walking on a campus path. Overlaid on the bottom of this image is the text "Immunization & Health Requirements". Below the image is a red banner with the heading "Upcoming Deadlines" and the text: "Immunization requirements must be submitted in advance of matriculation. Click here for your school's deadlines. Don't wait - noncompliance may impact your enrollment."

# Find your program and select your packet

<https://www.rutgers.edu/student-immunizations>

The screenshot displays the 'Immunization Requirements' page for Rutgers University. On the left, a navigation menu lists various student categories: Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students (Non-Clinical), Dental | Medical Students, **Nursing Students** (highlighted with a blue bar), Pharmacy Students, Psychology Graduate Students, School of Health Professions Students, Deadlines, and Frequently Asked Questions. The main content area is titled 'Nursing Students' and includes a note: 'All forms and questionnaires must be completed on the immunization portal listed in your packet. Find your program below to access your immunization packet.' Below this note, three program categories are listed, each with a red plus sign to its right: 'Clinical Programs', 'Non-Clinical Programs' (which is highlighted with a grey background), and 'Continuing Education Programs'. A blue arrow points from the 'Nursing Students' link in the left menu to the 'Clinical Programs' header.

# Immunization Packet - 4 steps


All forms and uploads must be completed at <https://rbhs.medicatconnect.com>


**1**  Fill out the Mandatory Health Questionnaire

**2**  Ask your healthcare provider to fill out this immunization packet

Some of your vaccines may have already transferred into our system from the NJ vaccine registry or your previous time at Rutgers. To check your vaccine record, PRINT your record from the Immunization tab.

**Please do not re-submit immunizations that are already in the system.**

**3**  Enter the dates of your vaccines or labs under the immunization tab

**4**  Upload your signed, completed packet and any supporting documentation, if applicable (ex: labs, blood work, x-ray report)

To submit your packet:




**Please be patient. Records are reviewed and verified one by one and this takes time after we receive your documents.**

# Submitting immunization information

- Secure portal for submitting information:
  - <https://rbhs.medicatconnect.com>
- Items that need to be submitted
  - Forms completed by a healthcare provider
    - Immunization form
    - Additional immunization documentation (lab reports, etc.)
  - Mandatory Health Form completed by student online
  - Immunization dates entered by student



Upload to portal



Fill out on portal



Enter dates on portal

All uploaded documentation should identify you by name and DOB.  
Review and verification takes 5-7 business days after we receive the document(s).

# *Our Terminology*

- **Verified compliant**
  - Means all **baseline** immunization and health requirements have been met
- **Not compliant**
  - Might mean a required form, immunization or blood titer is missing, the wrong lab was submitted, or documentation is incomplete (or does not identify you by name and DOB)

*Received a not compliant email and not sure why? Send us a secure message through the portal at*

<https://rbhs.medicatconnect.com>





# ***Additional Requirements For SON Clinical Students***

<b>Flu vaccine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Required year-round per clinical contracts</li><li>• Questions regarding flu vaccine availability outside the FLU SEASON? Contact the <b>School of Nursing Clinical Clearance team</b> at <a href="mailto:clinicalclearance@sn.rutgers.edu">clinicalclearance@sn.rutgers.edu</a>.</li></ul>
<b>Physical Exam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Required Annually</li></ul>
<b>Covid Vaccines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rutgers no longer requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination</li><li>• SON recommends that all clinical students submit initial COVID vaccines and any boosters as they may be required <b>for the clinical sites</b></li></ul>

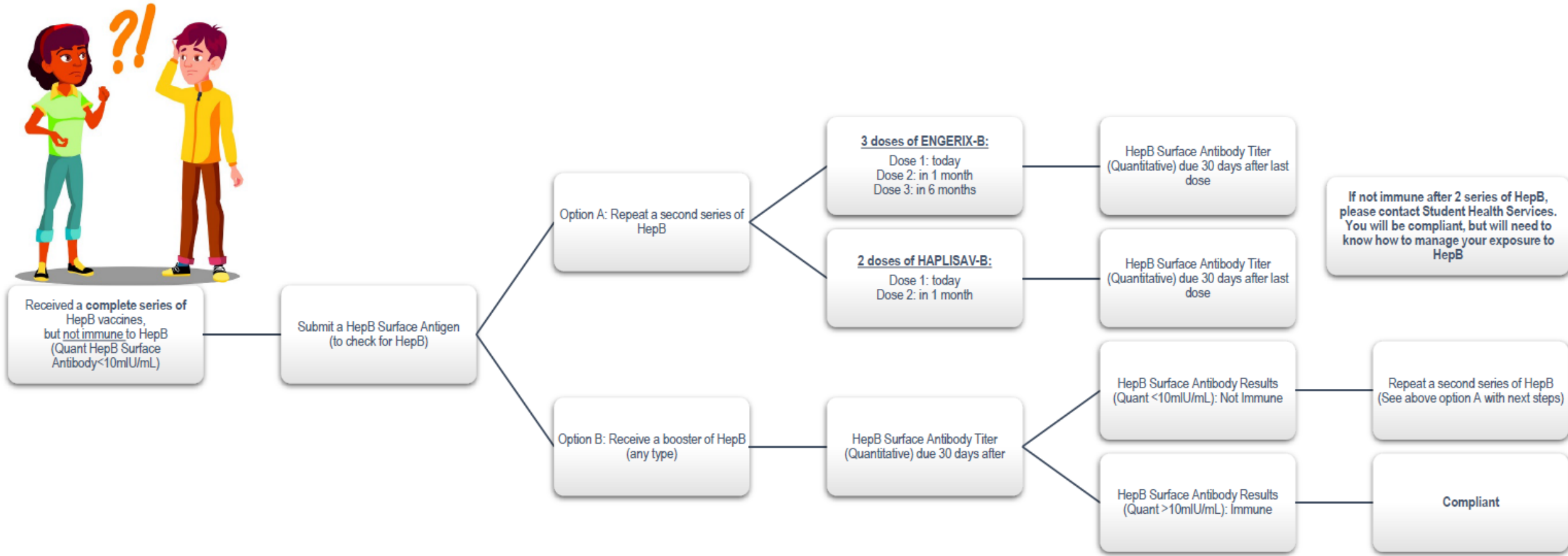
**Please upload documentation for annual requirements every year.**

# *Additional Information about specific requirements*

Tuberculosis screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At matriculation - 2-step PPD (FOUR VISITS) or TB blood test within 6 months of start date</li></ul> <p><u>History of a positive test required documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date (MM/DD/YY) of positive PPD <u>or</u> attach a copy of positive TB blood test report</li><li>• Chest x-ray report within 6 months of start date.</li><li>• <b>Annual</b> TB symptom questionnaire on the portal must be completed</li><li>• If you were treated for LTBI<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• must be stated on the immunization forms by your physician.</li></ul></li></ul>
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If asked to get a Hepatitis B surface ANTIBODY test, you will need a QUANTITATIVE antibody level</li></ul> <p><u>Non-immune to Hepatitis B?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You will need to show a Hepatitis B surface ANTIGEN test and two options to reach compliance: 1) Get a booster dose and then a repeat Hepatitis BsAb test 4-6 weeks after the booster OR 2) Complete a full repeat Hepatitis B vaccination series, then complete a Hepatitis BsAb test 4-6 weeks after the last dose.</li></ul>

# Student Health Services at Rutgers Health Science Campus at Newark

## Category 1: Hepatitis B Compliance



# Common Questions

- **Can I be exempted from vaccine requirements?**
  - Rutgers University permits medical and religious exemptions for individual vaccinations. Requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A committee reviews your request once received and may request additional information. The process can take up to 1 month upon receiving the exemption form. To submit an exemption request, log into our sister portal: [rutgers.medicatconnect.com](https://rutgers.medicatconnect.com) (looks the same but is a different portal) and follow the instructions to submit an exemption request.
- **Do titers need to be from within a certain time frame prior to enrollment?**
  - Titers are accepted from any date
  - TB testing (2-step PPD OR IGRA testing), however, **DOES** need to be within 6 months of your start date
- **When is the deadline?**
  - You can find University deadlines here: <https://www.rutgers.edu/student-immunizations/deadlines>
  - Students who accept admission close to or after the deadline must submit their records within 21 days of their acceptance date
  - Please feel free to contact your school or program director for a specific program deadline that is not listed on the website



# *Notifications*

- We send emails and texts every time immunization records are updated
- Emails are sent to Rutgers email accounts
- Texts are sent to the mobile on file (if you opt-in)
- Look out for messages from **noreply@medicat.com**
  
- We may occasionally send a personalized secure message
  - You'll be notified by email that you have a secure message on the portal
  - Click on the emailed link to be routed to the secure portal
  - Click on the messages tab to read your message

# *Please opt into text messages*

- **Why?**
  - So we can communicate with you about compliance, your medical care, or remind you a vaccine dose is due shortly
- **How?**
  - Login to the Patient Portal <https://rbhs.medicatconnect.com>
  - Select your name on the top right, edit profile, check off messages, make sure your correct cell phone is listed



# Contact Us

For immunization questions

Send a **secure message** to the Immunization Team via the portal at <https://rbhs.medicatconnect.com>.



Use Secure messaging to communicate with your health care provider. Secure messages are more secure than email so your confidentiality is always protected! Please do not use secure messaging for urgent medical matters or appointment requests. Call the office at 973-972-8219 instead.

**Tip: If you are sending a message related to immunizations, please ensure you select "Immunization Team" in the recipient list. Please do not include special characters in your message (e.g., /, <, >, %, !, &, ").**

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