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	SUBJECT: Policy for the Administration of Vaccinations and Annual TB Screenings to NON-Degree students at Morehouse School of Medicine.	SUPERSEDES	

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to minimize transmission of the preventable illnesses in the workplace by providing occupational protection to students and thus preventing transmission to members of the community, which we serve.

2.0 POLICY

All students, as defined below, shall demonstrate to Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) evidence of vaccinations or immunity status to be eligible to attend classes on the MSM campus or precept in clinical settings. Required vaccinations (or appropriate verification of immunity) are Influenza, Hepatitis B, MMR, Tdap, and Varivax. The Influenza vaccine is an annual requirement. In addition, the PPD is optional but highly recommended in non-clinical sites. It will be required in clinical settings.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Student – any person enrolled in a NON-Degree program at MSM.

3.2 MMR - Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine. (Series of 2 injections – 4 week interval)

3.3 Tdap (Diphtheria-Tetanus Toxoid-Pertussis vaccine (every 10 years)

3.4 Influenza (flu)—a mild to severe contagious illness caused by viruses that infect the respiratory tract.

3.5 Influenza vaccine – TIV - also known as the Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine, is made with killed virus and is administered annually.

3.6 Hepatitis B – Hepatitis B vaccine, a series of three injections (0, 1, 6 month interval).

3.7 Varivax – Varicella Virus Vaccine Live (Chickenpox vaccine) series of 2 injections (4 weeks apart)

3.8 The PPD SKIN TEST is **NOT** a vaccine or an immunization. It is a screening tool used to test for Tuberculosis infection and potential disease.

4.0 GUIDELINES

- 4.1 Students must complete the MSM Immunization form. Vaccination summaries or Provider forms may be substitutes, i.e. GRITS reports.
- 4.2 The Student Employee Health Services – Infection Control (SEHS-IC) will review applicants' forms prior to MSM enrollment for institutional compliance.
- 4.3 Students may receive the vaccination from SEHS-IC for a charge. Titers are also available for a charge. Students may seek titers or vaccines from their Primary care Providers or local health departments. Insurance coverage may be applicable for vaccinations but NOT PPDs.
- 4.4 Failure to comply with Immunization requirements may result in suspension of institutional Network access or an Administration HOLD placed on student accounts.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Students shall be responsible for:

1. Completing the MSM Immunization Form or submitting documentation of vaccines / immunity.
2. Completing and signing the vaccine appropriate forms, i.e. Consent for Vaccinations or Vaccination Declination Form.
3. The Cost of the vaccine which includes the administration fee.

6.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Policy and Procedure is _____

Date

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