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Regime of Immunization – Guideline for Higher Education Institutions

In order to prevent the occurrence and spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in educational institutions, pursuant to article 11 of the Administrative Regulation No. 16/2008 – “Regime of Immunization”, students are required to present their Personal Immunization Record or Certificate of Vaccination, issued by the Macao Health Bureau or the competent authorities of their place of origin, when enrolling in or registering for educational institution, so as to prove that the students have been vaccinated in accordance with the “Immunization Programme of the Macao Special Administrative Region”; meanwhile, educational institutions are responsible to verify the immunization status of students to ensure that they have received the vaccines as required prior to enrolment. Pursuant to the stipulation of section 1, article 5 of Law no. 2/2004 – “Law on the Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases”, this guideline is produced as a reference for higher education institutions in order to actualize the abovementioned requirement:

- 1 Applicable persons: Full-time students enrolling in local higher education institutions for the first time, including both Macao residents and non-Macao residents from mainland China or other countries/regions.
- 2 Vaccines required: Vaccines that are applicable to individuals aged 18 years or above, as stipulated in the “Immunization Programme of the Macao Special Administrative Region”. For specific requirements, please refer to Tables 1 and 2 in the appendix.
- 3 Acceptable proof of vaccination (any of the following):
 - 3.1 Personal Immunization Record or Certificate of Vaccination issued by a public healthcare institution under Macao Health Bureau or a private healthcare institution (currently the Kiang Wu Hospital) that has entered into a collaborative immunization agreement with the Health Bureau; or
 - 3.2 Proof of vaccination issued by the competent authorities at the place of origin.
- 4 Relevant proof of vaccination can be exempted if:
 - 4.1 The person concerned has contracted the disease which the vaccine is intended to prevent, as is proved by serological examination or a medical certificate issued in accordance with the person’s medical record;
 - 4.2 The person concerned has a contraindication to the vaccine, as is proved with a medical certificate.
- 5 Submission and verification: The said vaccination record or documentary proof should be submitted at the time of application or registration for the new academic year. For those who fail to do so due to specific reasons, higher education institutions should keep reminding them until a conforming proof of vaccination has been submitted. Besides, higher education institutions should designate a staff/department as appropriate to be responsible for the verification of compliance with relevant requirements.
- 6 For students who are in the middle of completing a course of vaccination, higher education institutions should register as such, and urge the students to receive the remaining vaccines on time.
- 7 Higher education institutions should keep the personal proof of vaccination and other relevant documents of students in their respective student record for checking purpose.

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Table 1: Minimum vaccination requirements for non-medical related students

Item	No. of doses required	Remarks
1. Measles-containing vaccine	≥ 2 doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Only applicable to persons born in 1970 or after;● The two doses must be administered at least 4 weeks apart.
2. Rubella-containing vaccine	≥ 1 dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Only applicable to persons born in 1970 or after.
3. Tetanus-containing vaccine	≥ 3 doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Doses must be given at least 4 weeks apart, and the most recent shot must be given within the past ten years.
4. Diphtheria and pertussis-containing vaccine	≥ 1 dose	
5. Poliomyelitis-containing vaccine	≥ 4 doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Only applicable to students from Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.● Doses must be given at least 4 weeks apart

Table 2: Vaccination requirements for medical related students upon enrolment
For professional disciplines that involve direct contact with patients or handling of clinical specimens of patients (e.g. Clinical Medicine, Clinical Chinese Medicine, Nursing, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technology, etc.), students should, in addition to completing the vaccinations specified in Table 1, also receive the following vaccines:

Item	No. of doses required	Remarks
Hepatitis B vaccine	3 doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Serological test for hepatitis B should be undertaken prior to enrolment or contact with patients or clinical specimens; non-immune individuals should receive booster shots followed by antibody testing.● No student shall be denied admission for positive hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg).