IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITING SCHOLARS

By virtue of a July 2017 memorandum from UAB’s Assistant Vice President of Student Health and Wellness, all visitors to UAB (including all those here in J-1 status) who will be participating in non-clinical research activities (including those involving working with mice or other lab animals) must pass Medical Clearance by providing proof of the following immunizations:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (“chicken pox”)
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis)
- Meningococcal

We strongly advise that you obtain these immunizations prior to entering the US. The following fees will apply if you need the UAB Medical Clearance team to administer the immunizations once you arrive at UAB. J-1 visitors who choose to enroll in UAB’s VIVA Health Plan or VIVA for Post Docs Health Plan will be billed for the immunizations.

### Immunization Cost/Options
*(Note: the costs are approximate and subject to change)*

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<tr>
<td>MMR</td>
<td>$72 each injection OR $260 for a blood titer (if you know you have had MRR)</td>
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<td>Varicella</td>
<td>$140 each injection OR $96 for a blood titer (choose the titer ONLY if you are certain you have had varicella); Medical Clearance will also accept a healthcare provider’s statement indicating the date on which you had varicella</td>
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<td>Tdap</td>
<td>$60 for one injection; a combination of a tetanus and a TD shot is NOT acceptable—this immunization must be administered in one injection; if you have already had a Tdap injection, it must have been administered within the past 10 years</td>
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<td>Meningococcal</td>
<td>$140 for one injection; required for all visitors age 21 years and younger</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B</td>
<td>$75 each injection OR $87 for surface antibody titer</td>
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**Tuberculin Tests**

It MUST be done within the US.

Once you arrive at UAB, you must schedule an appointment with our Medical Clearance team for a Tspot (skin test) or QuantIFERON TB Gold test (blood test) for tuberculosis. TB skin test placements ($30 each) are administered daily in the Student Health office **EXCEPT on Thursdays and after 4:00 pm on Wednesdays.** Please return to the Student Health office 48-72 hours after TB placements for a
reading. The blood test costs more ($60), but you are “done” with only one visit to Student Health and Wellness (drawn from Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm).

**Timing Considerations**

If you plan to complete the MMR and/or varicella vaccinations in your home country, make sure to do so AT LEAST 4 weeks prior to your arrival. The TB skin test cannot be placed if a live vaccine has been given in the last 4 weeks, and you will be required to wait or to get the T-spot blood test.

**Translations**

If your medical records are in a language other than English, please submit them to a professional translation service of your choice for translation into English and provide them to us at your earliest convenience. The Medical Clearance team reserves the right to reject any medical records not translated into English.

**ATTENTION: IF YOUR RESEARCH WILL INVOLVE PATIENT CONTACT, PRIMATES, AND/OR HUMAN SUBJECTS**

If you will be shadowing, observing, or being anywhere near patients during your research time at UAB, you must provide proof of all of the four above-referenced immunizations AND proof of a hepatitis B vaccination.

**Location**

Upon arrival and if you have any question, please visit the following website [http://www.uab.edu/students/health/](http://www.uab.edu/students/health/) or visit the:

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