



## **BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

### **IMMUNIZATION AND TB TESTING INFORMATION**

Barton Community College presently has no requirements for proof of immunization, although it is highly recommended to provide this information. In the event of a vaccination preventable disease outbreak, students may be required to be absent from classes or possibly removed from campus without the proper vaccination documentation.

For your own health and for the safety of others around you, immunizations need to be updated and current. Those **not** immunized are at risk for exposure to disease, some of which can cause serious complications. Mumps, measles, chicken pox, whooping cough and meningitis are highly contagious and can spread rapidly in concentrated populations, such as school.

The American College Health Association (ACHA) recommends the college offer students and parents an immunization guideline for consideration. Exemptions to immunizations may be necessary for medical or religious reasons.

The following are recommended immunizations for college/university students:

#### **MENINGOCOCCAL (MCV4, MPSV4)**

To be eligible to reside on campus, all students are required by the Kansas Board of Regents to provide documented proof of meningitis vaccine or sign a waiver declining vaccination at this time. Studies suggest younger students who live in dorms, those who smoke, and those who spend more than four hours a week in bars may be at greater risk for developing this disease.

1 in 20,000 students living in residence halls will contract this disease. Risk of contracting is low, but **it can be rapidly fatal if contracted.**

The vaccine is given in one (1) dose.

Recommended if never received.

**Booster recommended if vaccinated prior to the age of 16.**

**NOT AVAILABLE AT STUDENT HEALTH---CHECK WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.**

#### **INFLUENZA (Flu)**

Vaccine recommended every fall for your protection and the protection of others around you.

It is highly recommended for anyone with respiratory or other medical condition that could compromise the ability to fight infection. Sometimes these conditions are intensified by lack of adequate hours of sleep and poor nutritional intake which college students are frequently guilty.

Vaccine provided generally late September to early October.

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#### **MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella)\*\*\***

Students born after 1957 recommended two (2) doses of combined MMR vaccine provided one month apart.

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### **TETANUS—Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis)**

Outbreaks of Pertussis (whooping cough) has increased in the last few years.

Tdap is recommended to individuals requiring a tetanus booster. One time booster.

Tetanus boosters required every 10 years. An evaluation by a healthcare provider should be provided following deep or dirty wounds.

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### **POLIO**

Primary series completed in childhood. Booster only if needed for foreign travel after age 18 years.

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### **HEPATITIS B**

This disease can be acutely fatal or cause liver cancer many years after contracted.

It is spread through blood, blood products, injection drug use (sharing needles) or sexual contact.

Series of three (3) vaccines given over six month period in early childhood or may be given prior to college entry.

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### **VARICELLA (Chicken pox)**

Chicken pox can be a severe (even fatal) disease in adults.

If you have never had the disease or were vaccinated previously with only 1 dose, vaccination is recommended.

Series of two (2) vaccines given 1 month apart.

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### **TUBERCULOSIS (TB)**

In compliance with Kansas Statute KSA 2009 Supp. 65-129, the College has instituted a tuberculosis prevention and control policy for students.

All students applying for admission to BCC will be required to complete a Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire.

A yes response to one of five questions will determine them to be in a “high risk” category as defined by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment guidelines. These individuals will be required to complete a Tuberculosis Assessment at their local health department, medical clinic or BCC Student Health prior to attendance in a college classroom.

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### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International Students are mandated to report to Student Health within 24 hours of arrival on campus or morning of first weekday. Health assessment, review of immunization records and TB screening will be completed at this time.