

**The UT Board of Trustees approved rules regarding
student immunizations
April 20, 2021 BOT Meeting**

The newly BOT-approved immunization rule **requires vaccinations** for:

- measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- varicella (chicken pox)
- meningococcal disease
- hepatitis B

The BOT-approved rule **strongly recommends but does not mandate** vaccinations against influenza and COVID-19.

The BOT-approved rule **recognizes exemptions** from the immunization requirements, including for students who:

- Are enrolled exclusively online;
- Have medically documented contra-indications;
- Have religious objections; or
- Satisfy any other regulatory, statutory or legal exemption.

All students admitted into a Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, or any Allied Health Professions program **must also have the following vaccinations** in accordance with current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, subject to immunization exemptions:

- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Polio
- Tuberculosis
- Influenza
- Hepatitis B
- Any other immunization recommended for healthcare personnel as issued by the CDC
- Any other vaccination as dictated by the specific clinical program in which the student is enrolled

Proof of Immunization will be required. 7 methods of proof are listed.

The BOT-approved rule will now be sent to the Tennessee Attorney General's Office for legal review.

BOT Meeting Video: <https://trustees.tennessee.edu/webcasts/>

Text of Immunization Rule: <https://trustees.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/04/Meeting-Book-Special-Meeting-of-the-Board-4-20-21.pdf>