University Health Centre (UHC) Welcome letter

To: All Incoming Health Science Students

Upon acceptance to the program, all first year health science students are required to complete the 2021-2022 Health Faculty Immunization Clearance Form. It is imperative that this form is initiated as soon as possible, as in the absence of some prior immunizations, the immunization process can take upwards of 7 months to complete.

While students are not required to come to the University Health Centre, the staff at the UHC are well-versed in helping students complete their immunization requirements, assisting fifteen University of Alberta health care programs throughout the year. As a result, it is important to us that we are consistently staying up-to-date on requirements and changes to immunizations for healthcare workers in Alberta.

We recognize that the current COVID-19 global pandemic creates unique challenges for completing these requirements and as such, we have come up with some strategies to help streamline this process and minimize the time you would have to spend at our clinic.

Outlined below are the first steps that are required to have your immunization review initiated by the staff at University Health Centre:

1. Gather all available immunization records (from infancy to adulthood). It is important that you look for ALL of your immunization records prior to contacting the clinic. Please Note: records should be in English or French - records in any other language must be translated prior to sending them to us.

Given the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important that you look for ALL of your immunization records prior to contacting the clinic. There may be fewer in-person appointments available for injections and communication with clinic staff may not be immediate.

Immunization records may also be available on the My Health Records Portal at: http://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords
Though please be advised that these records are often not complete.

If you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not have access to your immunization records, please contact:

● The public health agency (from where you grew up) and/or your family physician.
● If you grew up in Alberta, you can contact:
  ✔ Edmonton Zone Records Request: 780-413-8985
  ✔ Calgary Zone Records Request: 403-214-3641
  ✔ North, Central & South Zones: Visit albertahealthservices.ca/findhealth/ and search by Facility Name (if you know the name of the centre) or Facility Type “Public Health Centres” & the location or postal code.

● If you were immunized outside of the country, you can contact public health in the province/territory in which you landed.
Please do not assume that because you were born/raised out of the province or country that your immunization records do not exist. If you immigrated to Canada, your parent(s)/guardian(s) may have been required to provide immunization records to the government.

More often than not, immunization schedules from other countries are similar to the schedules in Alberta/Canada.

If your records are not in English or French, please have them translated by a certified translator.

Please be advised that without **written documentation** of the required immunizations on the form, the immunization(s) may need to be repeated. An individual with no written records may require upwards of 10 immunizations/injections over a 7-14 month period.

2. **Complete the request form** on the UHC website to initiate your immunization review by a registered nurse at UHC.

3. **Create a Medeo account**. UHC staff will contact you and send you the required forms to complete and they will prompt you to join Medeo. Medeo is a secure platform used by UHC to communicate with patients related to their health care needs.

   *Links can also be found at: https://www.ualberta.ca/services/health-centre/services/immunizations.html*

After completing the request form, you will be contacted by a UHC team member with further instructions. Please be aware that this is not a service that is covered through provincial health care and there will be an associated fee of $80.00 ($120.00 if you are unable to provide acceptable immunization records or documentation).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UHC at hws@ualberta.ca. We look forward to working with you!

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