



CLINICAL COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

School of Health Sciences (SoHS) students, faculty, and appropriate staff are encouraged to use this as a guide to complete the requirements for clinical participation. Failure to provide the appropriate documentation for the required immunizations, certifications, training, and/or other required evidence will prevent entry into clinical rotations and may result in probation.

All Nursing, Radiography, Respiratory, & Dental Hygiene students must be fully compliant at the start of each semester for the entirety of the semester. Due to the nature of the program, Veterinary Technology requirements will be provided separately to the appropriate individuals.

CLINICAL/LAB PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE APPROVED FOR ANY INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOMPLETE RECORDS.

Compliance Documentation Management

STUDENTS: All requirements must be completed as instructed. The SoHS uses SurPath for secure clinical compliance monitoring. Instructions for creating, submitting documentation, and managing a SurPath account are provided only after students have been accepted into a SoHS program and have attended their assigned program's orientation.

Most compliance records are securely housed in each student's SurPath account. Students are responsible for maintaining, monitoring, and updating their records while enrolled in a SoHS program.

FACULTY/STAFF: All requirements must be completed as instructed. Clinical compliance documentation is securely housed in the SoHS office. Faculty are responsible for maintaining, monitoring, and updating their records while employed by the SoHS.

Submitting Vaccination Records

STUDENTS: If multiple vaccinations are listed on the same document, the document must be uploaded separately for each immunization.

It is highly recommended that documents be uploaded as PDFs. Photo files (jpeg/heic) are often rejected due to being inaccessible or illegible.

It is best practice to access your SurPath account from a personal computer rather than a mobile device, as some features may not be fully accessible on a phone screen.

See the *SurPath Account Information and Registration Instructions* document provided at your assigned program's orientation for more detailed information.

STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF: The individual's full legal name and date of birth (DOB) must be listed on the immunization record. Additional documentation (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree) may be required if the name on the immunization record does not match the individual's current legal name.

If an individual has a documented allergy to any required vaccine(s), documentation from a licensed healthcare physician must be submitted for approval. Individuals participating in clinicals may be required to meet additional requirements as specified by the clinical agency.

A history of having the disease will not fulfill any requirements except for Varicella. A signed document from a licensed physician confirming a medical history of chickenpox is required for verification.

1. Tuberculosis (TB)

One of the following is required annually:

- a. Evidence of a current TB Skin Test (PPD) showing negative results
- b. QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Plus (QFT-Plus)
 - i. lab report or licensed physician verification of negative results required
- c. T-SPOT®.TB test (T-Spot)
 - i. lab report or licensed physician verification of negative results required

TB NOTES: If test results are positive or for individuals with a prior positive TB test, a clear chest X-ray or a letter of Approval for Public Contact from the licensed physician or health department is required.

2. Varicella (chickenpox)

One of the following is required:

- a. Evidence of two varicella immunizations received at least 28 days apart
- b. Positive varicella titer (IgG blood test) showing evidence of immunity
- c. Signed verification from a licensed physician confirming a medical history of chickenpox

3. Rubeola (Measles), Mumps, & Rubella (German Measles) (MMR)

One of the following is required:

- a. Evidence of two-dose series for MMR vaccinations received at least 28 days apart
- b. Positive MMR titer (IgG blood test) showing evidence of immunity

4. Tetanus, diphtheria toxoids, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)

One of the following is required:

- a. One adult dose of Tdap dated within the last ten years
 - i. Childhood DTaP is not accepted in place of an adult Tdap.
- b. Td booster dated within the last ten years
 - i. Documentation of original adult Tdap is required if submitting Td booster.

5. Hepatitis B (Heb B)

One of the following is required:

- a. Evidence of a complete Hepatitis B series per CDC guidelines
- b. Positive Hepatitis B titer (blood test) showing evidence of immunity
- c. TCC SoHS Hepatitis B Declination Request form submitted for review and approval.
 - i. Exemption requests may be subject to additional documentation or requirements as determined by clinical partners for review and approval.

6. Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Flu)

One of the following is required annually:

- a. Evidence of the current annual seasonal flu vaccine
 - i. Record must note the name of the facility administering the vaccine (e.g. Walgreens)
- b. TCC SoHS COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccination Exemption Request Form
 - i. Pages 1 and 2 of the form must be completed and submitted for review.
 - Medical Exemption: The individual must complete Sections A and D; a licensed physician must complete Section B.
 - Religious Exemption: The individual must complete Sections A, C, and D.
 - ii. Exemption requests may be subject to additional documentation or requirements as determined by clinical partners for review and approval.

FLU NOTES: Flu season begins on September 1 each year. Vaccination records must reflect the current flu season in order to be considered valid. The deadline for annual flu vaccine submission is October 15.

7. SARS-COVID-19 Vaccine (COVID-19)

One of the following is required:

- a. Evidence of COVID vaccination/series per current CDC guidelines
- b. TCC SoHS COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccination Exemption Request Form
 - i. Pages 1 and 2 of the form must be completed and submitted for review.
 - Medical Exemption: The individual must complete Sections A and D; a licensed physician must complete Section B.
 - Religious Exemption: The individual must complete Sections A, C, and D.
 - ii. Exemption requests may be subject to additional documentation or requirements as determined by clinical partners for review and approval.

8. Physical Exam

One of the following is required:

- a. TCC SoHS or TCC SoHS Program-Specific Physical Exam form(s), signed by a licensed physician, dated within one year of the program start date.
- b. Signed letter from a licensed physician, on official letterhead, stating medical clearance to participate in clinical courses, dated within one year of the program start date.

9. American Heart Association - Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

The following certification is required:

- a. Valid (non-expired) American Heart Association - BLS Provider CPR certification card

CPR NOTES: Only American Heart Association is accepted; Red Cross is not accepted. Training must be completed in person or in a blended format. Online-only certification is not accepted.

10. Health Sciences Mandatory Compliance Exam

The following must be completed annually:

- a. TCC SoHS Mandatory Compliance Exam with a score of 90% or higher.
 - i. The training materials and exam are located on Blackboard in the Health Sciences Connections and Nursing Student Connections organization pages.
 - ii. Training covers bloodborne pathogens, fire safety, HIPAA, tuberculosis, OSHA, and hazardous communications.

Requirements may vary by program and may be periodically adjusted in accordance with clinical contracts and CDC guidelines.