



Immunization Policy for the Department of Physician Assistant Studies during the Professional Phase*

The King's College Department of Physician Assistant Studies requires that all students maintain immunizations as recommended by the CDC for healthcare providers

(<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/adult-medical-condition.html#table-conditions>) and any Pennsylvania specific mandates. Therefore, all King's College PA students must have proof of these immunizations for the professional phase of the program,

- Though not an immunization, students must have a tuberculin skin test or an IGRA (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay) to enter the PA Program. Additional tuberculosis testing may also be required by clinical sites or if there is a known exposure or ongoing transmission. Positive results will require proper evaluation, and documentation must be submitted as instructed by the PA Program.
- Although the meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine is not required by the PA Program, IT IS required by The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for students living in college-owned and operated residence halls. Therefore, students must either provide written documentation of meningitis immunization or sign a waiver to indicate they have been informed about this disease and vaccine and have chosen not to be immunized if they are living on campus. This form is provided by student health. Otherwise, the meningococcal vaccines are only for those that are routinely exposed to isolates of *Neisseria meningitidis*.

Facilities and hospitals often require additional immunizations and titers which students must obtain prior to starting rotations at those sites. Information regarding these additional requirements will be given to students prior to starting rotations.

Failure to comply with the Immunization Policy for the Department of Physician Assistant Studies or any additional immunizations and titers for clinical rotations will result in the inability to enter, continue with or complete the program.

All costs incurred in complying with this policy are the responsibility of the student.

*Policy subject to change at any time in order to comply with ARC-PA standards, King's College and Hospital policies. The King's College Department of PA Studies will make every attempt to notify its students of these changes in a timely manner.