

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Immunization and Communicable Disease Form

Q: I have never been vaccinated for measles, mumps, rubella or varicella until now, I must wait one month until I can receive my next vaccination but the deadline to submit my documents is before this date. How do I proceed?

A: Please submit proof of your first vaccination and the scheduled date of your next one. You will be issued a conditional pass and will be required to submit proof of your second vaccination prior to start of clinical. This only applies if it has been less than one month since you received your first vaccination.

Q: My serology result for measles, mumps, rubella or varicella has come back non-reactive or indeterminate. How do I proceed?

A: Scenario #1: You have never been vaccinated before; you will need 2 vaccination doses 4 to 6 weeks apart. Repeat bloodwork is not required.

Scenario #2: You have proof of previous vaccination; you will need one booster dose. Repeat bloodwork is not required.

Q: My serology does not show varicella immunity. But I had chicken pox as a child, do I still need the Varicella vaccine?

A: Yes, a history of chickenpox will not be accepted. You will need 2 vaccination doses 4 to 6 weeks apart. Repeat bloodwork is not required.

Q: I can't find my immunization records, but I know I have been vaccinated for polio/tetanus, what do I do?

A: Contact the Public Health Office where you attended Secondary School. They may have records of your vaccinations. If no records exist, you will need to receive 3 doses. You will need to show proof that you started this. You will be issued a conditional pass and we will give you additional time to update Synergy with the rest of the vaccinations as they can take 6 to 12 months to complete.

Q: I have never been vaccinated for Hepatitis B and I just started the series, but it takes 6 months to complete how do I proceed?

A: You will need to show proof of a minimum of two vaccinations. You will be issued a conditional pass. You must submit proof of series completion and post bloodwork at your next Synergy appointment.

Q: In grade 7 I received a vaccination for Hepatitis B, but now my blood work shows I am not immune. I have just started my second series, but it will take 6 months to complete. How do I proceed?

A: You will need to show proof of a minimum of two vaccinations. You will be issued a conditional pass. You must submit proof of series completion and post bloodwork at your next Synergy appointment.

Q: I have no record of my vaccination history for Hepatitis B; however, my blood work shows I am immune. How do I proceed?

A: Proof of immunity on serology report is sufficient.

Q: How often is a Tetanus vaccine required?

A: A tetanus booster is required every 10 years.

TB Skin Test

Q: How long does a TB Test take?

A: Two-Step TB Test:

Requires 4 appointments:

- **Step #1**
- Administration Appointment #1
- Reading Appointment #1 (48-72 hours after administration appointment #1)
- **Step #2** (Must allow 7-21 days since reading appointment #1)
- Administration Appointment #2
- Reading Appointment #2 (48-72 hours after administration appointment #2)

One Step TB Test:

Requires 2 appointments:

- **Step #1**
- Administration Appointment
- Reading Appointment (48-72 hours after administration appointment)

Additionally, TB tests cannot be administered if you have had a live vaccine within the previous 4 weeks. Students should complete their TB testing process first and then receive vaccines after.

Q: How long is a chest x-ray valid?

A: Chest x-rays are valid for 2 years.

CPR

Q: My CPR card states it is valid for three years, however, Synergy is saying one year. Why is that?

A: The TFSON requires all students to renew their CPR annually regardless of the expiration date on the card.

Q: Can I do recertification for my CPR and what level is required?

A: BLS, Level C or HCP course is required. Recertification courses can be completed if you have completed a full certification course within the past 18 months. CPR Courses offered by the TFSON are full certification courses.

Q: Do I also require First Aid with my CPR?

A: The TFSON does not require you to complete First Aid.

Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening

Q: How do I request a verification letter?

A: For Students Residing Anywhere Outside of Toronto: Email nursing@trentu.ca. Provide your name, date of birth, student number and mailing address.

For Students Residing in Toronto email Dianne Diniz at diannediniz@trentu.ca and include two pieces of government ID.

Q: I have uploaded my criminal record check with vulnerable sector search, but I can't really see the seal. What should I do?

A: Take a picture of your vulnerable sector search and upload it that way. The seal will show up. Please ensure that your VSS is uploaded, and the document is not cut-off in any manner.

Influenza Vaccine

Q: When will the flu vaccine be available?

A: The flu vaccine typically becomes available in October.

Q: I already submitted my NARs, will I be charged again for submitting my updated flu vaccine documentation?

A: No, you will not be charged again. You will need to upload your documentation of your completed flu vaccination to Synergy. Instructions on how to upload are posted on Synergy