Harvard Medical School
Guidelines for Immunization Compliance

Your health and the health of our patients is our primary concern. Please review the following information carefully in order to be eligible for the Exchange Clerk Program. HMS strictly adheres to these immunization guidelines which may exceed CDC recommendations.

1. **Measles, Mumps and Rubella**
   a. HMS requires positive IgG results as proof of immunity for each disease.
   b. A copy of the lab report must be attached for each titer result.
   c. Boosters or IgM results DO NOT substitute for a positive IgG result.
   d. Please note that HMS does not accept negative or equivocal titer results, even with a recent booster.
   e. If you have negative IgG results, to be eligible for the Exchange Clerk Program you will need to be established as a non-converter.
      i. HMS requires that the student must have a negative reading posted 8 weeks from a 3rd booster vaccination and provide the following documentation:
         1. Recorded dates for all 3 MMR vaccinations.
         2. Lab report with negative result posted 8 weeks from 3rd booster.
         3. Letter from primary care physician declaring non-converter status.
   f. Do not submit application while waiting for pending results. All immunizations must be complete at time of application.

2. **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Booster**
   a. Tdap booster must be administered within the last 10 years
   b. Tdap booster must also cover the entire time of requested period of study.
      i. For example, if you request April, May and June then your Tdap booster should expire no earlier than July.

3. **Hepatitis B**
   a. Visiting medical students will need to complete the 3-part Hepatitis B series before rotating at HMS (incomplete series information is for HMS students ONLY)
      i. Please submit laboratory report confirming presence of titer for Hepatitis B antibody (HBSAb)
      ii. HMS does not accept negative or equivocal results. Please see above for more details regarding titers.

4. **Tuberculosis Screening and Chest X-Rays (ONE of the following is required)**
   a. Documentation of 2 skin tests (PPD); #1 within 12 months of start date, #2 within 3 months of start date of the 1st month you have applied for. **DO NOT SEND IN YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WITHOUT THE 2ND PPD.** Your application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.
   b. For individuals know to be TB skin test (PPD) positive, documentation of a chest x-ray report which rules our active tuberculosis or Tspot within 1 year of your full rotation dates.
   c. Documentation of negative QFT or Tspot within 12 months of your full rotation dates; if positive QFT or Tspot, then documentation of a chest x-ray report which rules our active tuberculosis within 1 year of your full rotation dates.
   d. A TSpot or chest x-ray within 1 year of your full rotation dates is required for **ALL** students who have a history of childhood BCG vaccination. Please fill out the pertinent information in the left box of the Certificate of Immunization form.

5. **Varicella**
   a. If you have a history of chickenpox infection (varicella), then you will need to submit a laboratory report confirming positive IgG results
   b. If you have completed the 2-part varicella vaccination series, please recorded vaccination dates. You do not need to submit IgG or IgM if series complete.
6. **Flu Shot**

Visiting students assigned to clerkships through HMS October – April **must** provide documentation of a SEASONAL FLU VACCINE in the U.S. in order to report for assignment. If you have already received the flu vaccine, you must bring documentation to your assignment. If you have not yet received the flu vaccine, please plan to get the vaccine by the 1st day of your clerkship, no exceptions. Flu shots are available locally in Boston at area pharmacies for a fee. You must bring this documentation with you on your 1\textsuperscript{st} day.