



**University of Pikeville
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of the Dean**

Student Immunization Policy

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Policy and Description

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The purpose of this Policy is to provide the protocols and practices related to immunization requirements for students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program at University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM). KYCOM requires students to meet all immunization requirements prior to matriculation and maintain compliance with these requirements through graduation. Descriptions of KYCOM immunization requirements can be found in the [KYCOM Student Handbook](#).

Required laboratory evaluations and immunizations are subject to review and modification based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the United States Preventative Services Task Force (USPTF), and other public health agencies. Students will be notified of any changes and will be required to comply with any mandated changes upon receipt of notice from KYCOM.

Accepting an offer of admission to KYCOM will require the incoming student to adhere to any mandates imposed by the university at a later date; acceptance of the offer of admission is indirect affirmation the incoming student both understands this and accepts this as a condition of acceptance.

Completion and verification of all vaccine requirements is required by the first day of OMS-I orientation. Entering OMS-I students who have not completed all KYCOM immunization requirements prior to matriculation may have their offer of admission rescinded, will forfeit their seat in the class, and any deposit will not be refunded.

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Exemptions

All students wishing to participate in patient care activities sponsored by or affiliated with KYCOM must maintain full vaccination per this policy. Clinical experiences are part of the core curriculum to obtain the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree, and, therefore, KYCOM only waives immunization or student health requirements in very specific circumstances. KYCOM currently provides incoming accepted students with the opportunity to request an exemption for immunization or health requirements by emailing compliance@upike.edu. All requests will be reviewed by the KYCOM Immunization Exemption Review Panel.

The granting of an exemption to the immunization requirement does not guarantee that a clinical training partner will honor the exemption. KYCOM cannot guarantee clinical placement for any student who does not comply with all vaccination requirements, even if the student has an exemption granted by KYCOM. Additionally, receiving an exemption does not create prioritization in clinical placements. Standard placement processes will be utilized without consideration of waiver status.

Students will not be permitted to participate in any patient care activities, including, but not limited to, early clinical experiences, activities with standardized patients, health outreach events, mission trips and clinical rotations until all immunization requirements have been met or an exemption has been granted by the university.

Inability to participate in required clinical experiences due to noncompliance with KYCOM immunization policies may result in unexcused absences leading to failure of a course, referral to the Professional, Conduct and Ethics (PC&E) Committee, academic probation, suspension, delay in graduation or even dismissal from the program.

If a student does not receive a clinical rotation placement as a result of an external agency's refusal to allow placement of a student who has not obtained all required vaccinations, the student will not be entitled to a refund of tuition or other relief from KYCOM.

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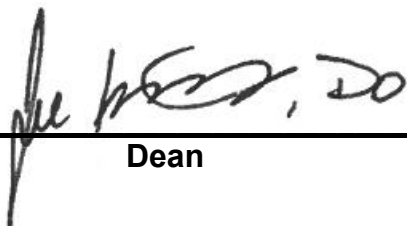
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Additional Information Regarding Immunization Requirements

- In some situations, clinical training sites may have additional immunization requirements above those required by KYCOM.
- KYCOM may revise the vaccination requirements at any time as deemed necessary, including those related to required laboratory evaluations and immunizations. Students will be notified of any changes and will be required to comply with any mandated changes upon receipt of notice from KYCOM.



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Last Approved Date

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