

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY**

Students must complete a medical history form and show proof of 1 dose of vaccine for Meningitis within the last 5 years; 2 doses of a Measles containing vaccine, including a dose of Measles, Mumps and Rubella administered after 1980; and a negative TB skin test within the past year.

AT Students are required to complete 2 doses of vaccine for Measles, Mumps and Rubella or laboratory evidence of immunity for all 3 components; 2 doses of vaccine or positive history and lab evidence of immunity for Varicella; a documented dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria & Acellular Pertussis within the last 10 years; 3 doses of vaccine (or initiation of the vaccination process) or laboratory evidence of immunity or signed declination waiver of Hepatitis B. A negative 1-step TB skin test or laboratory evidence of a clear chest x-ray are required annually before the beginning of the fall clinical placement. An influenza vaccination for the current flu season or a signed declination waiver are also required before October of each year. These vaccination and screening processes are designed as mechanisms to prevent the acquisition of communicable diseases.

The initial medical history form documents previous communicable diseases and the annual physical examination required of AT Students documents communicable diseases and other medical conditions.

When an AT Student is diagnosed with a communicable disease, the Medical Director is notified. He works in conjunction with the diagnosing physician to determine the plan of care and the process for clearance of the student for return to clinical experiences.

The University of Alabama considers certain communicable diseases to have the potential to be critical incidents. In the event that an AT Student has a communicable disease that reaches this threshold, the Office of Student Affairs has a well-prescribed Critical Incident Response Plan which would be activated.