

AAMC Standardized Immunization Form

Frequently Asked Questions

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For more information on the AAMC Standardized Immunization Form, please visit www.aamc.org/immunizationform.

1. Where did this AAMC Standardized Immunization Form come from?

The AAMC convened a working group through the Visiting Student Application Service that included member school representatives, registrars, public health experts and student health services representatives. This working group initially assessed whether a standardized immunization form was feasible and after determining it was, conducted significant outreach and research and developed this form over the course of a year.

2. Where can I review the CDC's recommended vaccines for healthcare workers?

For information on the CDC Recommended Vaccines for Healthcare Workers, see the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.html>

3. Should students or student health offices complete the form?

Students should complete the AAMC Standardized Immunization Form in conjunction with either the student health office at their medical school or with their primary care provider. The form does require the verification of a healthcare provider (other than the student) regarding the accuracy of the information contained in the form.

4. Once the form is completed, how do students submit it?

If the host institution accepts VSAS applications:

Students may upload the completed, verified form directly into VSAS.

If the host institution does not accept VSAS applications:

Students should send the completed, verified form per the host institution's application instructions.

5. How do students submit documentation of immunizations, labs, medical records, etc. with the form?

If the host institution accepts VSAS applications:

If necessary, additional documents (including labs, titer results, and other medical records associated with the immunizations) may be scanned with the form and uploaded directly into VSAS.

If the host institution does not accept VSAS applications:

If necessary, additional documents (including labs, titer results, and other medical records associated with the immunizations) should be sent with the form per the host institution's application instructions.

6. Can a host institution require information beyond what the AAMC Standardized Immunization Form collects?

Yes. Some host institutions require documentation of additional vaccinations that are not among those recommended by the CDC and not included on the AAMC Standardized Immunization Form.

These institutions generally identify those additional requirements in their visiting student application

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instructions and often provide their own form for providing proof of immunization. The best source of information is on the VSLO institution's home page or the institution's website.

7. Can I submit a state immunization form in lieu of the AAMC Standardized Immunization Form?

No. State immunization forms can be submitted as supporting documentation with the AAMC Standardized Immunization Form, but they do not replace the form.

8. Where can I find a list of host institutions that accept the common immunization form?

A list of host institutions can be viewed at www.aamc.org/immunizationform.

9. Can I use this form outside of the VSLO Program?

Yes. AAMC intends this form to be available and used by member institutions and students whether they are participants in the VSLO Program or not. Our belief is the widespread use of this form will save time and effort for everyone involved in the clinical education of medical students.

10. How do students update their submitted form?

Generally, if students have previously submitted an AAMC Standardized Immunization Form, and then update their vaccinations, they should complete a new AAMC Standardized Immunization Form to replace the outdated form.