

Good Afternoon (Student First Name)

Welcome to SMC! We hope that you are doing well. We are reaching out to you about the required documentation you must submit before you begin classes. Below you will see a chart with information on the required immunizations to attend SMC in person. Spartanburg Methodist College requires all students to have an updated immunization record on file.

The documentation for your immunizations will need to list your full name, date of birth, the name of each immunization and the dates that you have received each immunization, and the signature of from staff of office you are getting them from.

**Required Immunization Documentation Status:**

Immunizations
<b>Tetanus (Code: TDAP) - most recent dose must be received within 10 years of the first day of your SMC Class start date (every 10 years)</b>
<b>Meningitis AWCY: Acceptable Versions Menactra / Menveo / Menquadfi / MenACWY – code: MCV4/MPSV4.</b> (Meningitis B immunization is not a substitution for this required immunization)- 2 to 3 doses in vaccine series with the last dose received with in the past five years from your first day of SMC class start date. <u>Required only for students living in Campus Housing.</u>
<b>Mumps, Measles, Rubella (Code: MMR/MMRV/MR) - 1 to 2 doses in vaccine series</b>

**Highly Recommended:**

- Annual Seasonal Flu Shot
- COVID-19 – 1 to 2 dose series, with boosters
- Meningococcal B (MenB) Bexero or Trumenba – 2 or 3 does depending on vaccine.
- Varicella – 2 doses if born in 1980 or later.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – 2 or 3 doses depending on age at initial vaccination or condition.
- Hepatitis A (HepA)-2 to 4 doses depending on vaccine received.

Here is a link to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) Adult Immunization Schedule by Age for more information on immunizations. [Adult Immunization Schedule – Healthcare Providers | CDC](#)

When submitting the immunization record(s) page make sure that the document is legible. If it is not legible, we may ask you to submit another picture/scan of your immunizations. You can obtain your immunizations records through your medical provider or your patient portal at your medical provider. Providing a personal/parent letter that is typed saying you have all your immunizations will not meet SMCs requirements. If you have a medical or religious exemption for any of the required immunizations, please let us know as soon as possible. We will send you the SMC Immunization Waiver that will need to be completed and returned to us.

You will need to submit the records before you start classes. We appreciate you submitting all required documents in a timely manner through your Applicant Status page: <https://connect.smcsc.edu/apply/status> . If you have trouble submitting through the link you can send us a scanned copy or a good picture/pdf of the documentation to [wellnessgroup@smcsc.edu](mailto:wellnessgroup@smcsc.edu) .

**Here are places to go to get your immunization records:**

SCDHEC – Spartanburg office: 151 E Wood, Spartanburg SC 29305, Phone: 864-596-2227

Your primary care Physician's office

Your High School may have records of your completed Mumps, Measles and Rubella as they were required to enter high school.

**Here are places to check the availability to receive immunizations:**

Some DHEC offices may have appointments.

Your primary care Physician's office

Doctors Care Offices

Minute Clinics at Pharmacy's

If member of Costco or Sams – Check with their pharmacy them to see about the availability in your area

If you have any questions at all, email SMC Wellness at [wellnessgroup@smcsc.edu](mailto:wellnessgroup@smcsc.edu). We will be happy to assist you in this process. Best wishes and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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