

MSA Program Required Immunizations

The Master of Science in Anesthesia Program requires each student submit proof of immunity for each of the diseases noted in the chart below.

Documentation, including the name of the vaccine, the date it was received, and any related results, must be submitted by a healthcare provider for each vaccine and titer result.

Please note that all immunization information provided will be released to hospitals and community agencies where students are placed for their clinical rotations. An authorization form will be available for students to sign as part of their program orientation.

Disease	Acceptable Forms of Immunity Verification
Hepatitis B	<p>Positive surface antibody ("Hep B Surf Ab") titer <u>is required</u>. Only a positive surface antibody titer will be accepted.</p> <p>A negative Hep B surface antigen titer is indicative of the absence of disease, but not proof of immunity. If the antibody titer is negative, consult your physician as to whether they recommend a 1-dose booster and repetition of the titer in 1 month, if you have already completed the series, or a repetition of the full dose (2-dose and 3-dose Hep B series are available).</p>
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-dose MMR series, • Or individual vaccines for measles (2-dose), mumps (1- dose) and rubella (1-dose), • Or individual positive titers for measles, mumps and rubella
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap, Td)	Latest Tdap vaccine must be within ten years or a Td booster is required.
Varicella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-dose series, • Or positive titer, • Or documentation of disease (including age contracted)
Polio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-dose series (OPV or IPV), • Or positive titer, • Or documentation of disease (including age contracted)
Flu	Annual vaccine administered between September and October to protect for the November to April flu season.
COVID-19 vaccine & booster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of full vaccination & latest booster (if available)
Tuberculosis screening	Annual TB test; more details below.

COVID-19 Required Vaccinations

Case Western Reserve University no longer requires COVID-19 vaccination for enrollment. The Master of Science in Anesthesia program will continue to request documentation of the most recent COVID-19 vaccination and any applicable boosters for informational purposes only. Submission is voluntary and has no impact on program enrollment or academic standing.

However, individual clinical sites may continue to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or boosters. Students assigned to such sites must comply with the clinical training partners process and requirements, in order to participate in rotations. In some cases, a clinical site may grant a waiver or exemption from its requirements; however, the granting of such waivers is solely at the discretion of the clinical site. Failure to meet a clinical site's immunization policy may limit the availability of training opportunities, which could delay completion of required clinical experiences and affect graduation timelines.

Case Western Reserve University does not control external clinical site requirements and cannot guarantee placement options for students who are unable or unwilling to meet such requirements.

Tuberculosis Screening for MSA Program Students

Annual tuberculosis (TB) screening is required for all MSA Program students, regardless of the latest CDC recommendations or university regulations until otherwise informed. This is because not all clinical rotation sites have changed their practice regarding TB screenings.

TB testing can be done in one of two ways. Students are advised to check with their health insurance provider to understand which methods may be covered (either full or in part) before proceeding.

1. **Negative Skin test (PPD):** If previous TB screening was more than one year ago or never performed, the student should request the two-step Mantoux TB skin test. Each step consists of having the test performed and returning for a reading 3 days later. If the first step is negative, then the test should be repeated (the "second step") 7-21 days later. If a skin test has been performed less than 12 months prior, only one additional skin test is required to demonstrate lack of infection
2. **Negative Blood test (IGRA):** Also called an Interferon Gamma Release Assay or IGRA (Quantiferon-TB Gold In- Tube or T-SPOT), this is a one-step blood test. An IGRA is required for those with a past BCG vaccine or who have tested positive on a PPD in the past.

Any student who has evidence of a positive blood or skin test must also provide a **chest X-ray** to rule out an active TB infection. X-rays must have been done within the last 3 years. Both the positive skin or blood test and the negative chest x-ray are required as evidence of non-infection in this situation. If the chest x-ray indicates an active infection, *immediately* contact your local health department for guidance and further instructions.

Please note that students must upload copies of lab reports and results for all blood tests, PPD administration, TB treatment statement and chest x-rays for verification as applicable.