

**Dear Health Care Provider and/or Hope Student,**

Our immunization requirements for Hope College are based upon the Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Here is a list of the MINIMUM requirements for each required vaccine:

Vaccine	Minimum number of doses	Minimum Spacing requirements	Approximate cost to have vaccine at Hope College
Tetanus	3	Dose #1 – Dose #2: 4 weeks Dose # 2 – Dose #3: 6 months Last dose given within past 10 years.	Combination Tetanus/Diphtheria \$25.00
Diphtheria	3		
Pertussis	1	1 dose after the age of 10 years	T/d combination with Pertussis \$40.00
Polio	3	1 month between each dose	IPV \$30.00
Measles/Mumps/Rubella <i>Single or combination vaccine(s) accepted.</i>	<b>2 doses of each component</b>	First dose must be <u>after</u> age of 1 year. Second dose must be no sooner than 28 days after dose 1.	Combination MMR \$60.00
Hepatitis B	3	Dose # 1 – Dose # 2: 28 days Dose # 2 – Dose # 3: 2 months Dose # 1 – Dose # 3: At least 4 months	Under age 20 \$20.00 Age 20 and up \$40.00
Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)	1	1 dose on or after age of 16 years. Booster dose required if first dose given before age 16.	\$100.00

All full-time Hope Students have an Immunization Benefit that allows up to \$150.00 of vaccine fees to be received at no additional cost to the student. Any student who exceeds \$150.00 in vaccine fees per school year will have the remaining fees charged to their student account. Vaccine prices fluctuate and the above are approximate prices as of 2011.

**Commonly asked Questions**

What if I can't produce a written record of my immunization history?

- Students who cannot produce a written record with their immunization history must re-start the above vaccines to complete the minimum requirements.
- This will then provide the student with written documentation for Hope College and any future needs, such as graduate school.

What if I start on the vaccines at home, but cannot complete them before I have to leave for Hope College?

- Students may start the above vaccines at home and may complete them once they are here at Hope College.

What if I cannot obtain the vaccine in my home country.

- Students may obtain any of the required vaccines at Hope College when they arrive.

### What if I do not want the required immunizations?

- Students may sign an immunization waiver. This can be obtained at <http://www.hope.edu/admin/healthcenter/Immunization%20Waiver.pdf>
- Please pay close attention to the travel restrictions and disease outbreak guidelines for those that choose to sign the waiver form.

### What if I have more questions?

- General immunization guidelines and information can be obtained at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/>
- Specific questions regarding Hope College guidelines can be addressed to [healthcenter@hope.edu](mailto:healthcenter@hope.edu). One of our Registered Nurses will reply to your specific question.