

Records & Assessments – Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many appointments will I need to complete all my immunizations?

This varies based on your medical and immunization history. Most students will require four appointments over 6 months.

2. Where do I find my immunization records?

- Ask your parents if they have a copy of your childhood record (your baby book)
- Check with the Local Public Health Office where you grew up and/or attended school.
- **Immunization Records Request (Edmonton): 780-413-7985**
- **Immunization Records Request (Calgary, Airdrie, & Cochrane): 403-214-3641**
- **In Alberta:** Health Link at 811 or the local Public Health Centre
- **Outside the Province of Alberta:** The [Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness](#) has contact information for all health authorities for every province and territory in Canada.
- You may also check with your Family doctor, Occupational Health & Safety department of previous employer, or previous post-secondary institution

3. What do I do if I don't have any records or if I have never been immunized, or if I am missing an immunization?

If you do not have previous records, or have never been immunized, mention this during your immunization appointment, and the clinic nurse will determine which vaccinations/health tests are required based on your program requirements.

4. I know I had all my immunizations before but am not able to get my records so why do I need to get them all over again?

Health care students are considered a high-risk group for both contracting vaccine preventable diseases as well as spreading vaccine preventable diseases to patients under their care. Providing us with your immunization records will help us determine if you need further immunizations. If you are unable to obtain the records, a vaccine series may be recommended for protection and long term immunity. There is no harm in repeating a vaccine series.

5. Why is the College not able to find my immunization records for me?

Immunization records are confidential and private. These need to be requested by you so it is your responsibility to obtain your own immunization records. Once we have received all your documents we will be able to complete a proper assessment to determine which vaccines you may need.

6. I need to get the COVID vaccine and I am missing another immunization. What do I do?

In the absence of evidence, COVID-19 vaccines should not be given simultaneously with other live or inactivated vaccines.

Please speak with your COVID-19 immunization provider if you had another vaccine in the past 14 days. Attempts should be made to schedule other vaccines at least **14 days PRIOR** to COVID-19 vaccination OR **28 days AFTER** your two doses of COVID-19 vaccination.