



## Policy on Immunizations

Kansas state law does not require immunization records of students who enroll in graduate level study programs or of the employees of this institution. Since CBTS does not have resident facilities at any of its locations, the Seminary has not taken independent action to require immunization records of its students as do some institutions of higher education in Kansas. However, while not required, Central Seminary strongly recommends the following immunizations for all our students and their dependents. In most cases at least some of these immunizations will be required in order for dependent children to enroll in daycare and/or K-12.

Central Seminary strongly recommends the following immunizations for students and employees (in accord with medical recommendations. Administration recognizes that many of our students will have had some if not all of these immunizations at an earlier age):

- Infant Series DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus)
- Tetanus booster (within the last 10 years)
- Polio Series
- 2 MMR's (measles, mumps, and rubella)
- Hepatitis B Series (series of 3 shots)
- Chicken pox (anyone older than 12 who has not had chicken pox needs 2 doses of varicella vaccine; anyone younger than 12 who has not had chicken pox needs 1 dose)
- TB Skin Test
- COVID immunizations

Less urgent, but also recommended are:

- Meningitis Vaccine
- Flu Shot

Central Seminary recommends that students and employees secure and maintain copies of their immunization records, or if lacking, that they attempt to reconstruct proof of immunizations since these are required with greater frequency by state legislatures, even for graduate schools. While some students may be able to provide this documentation, others might find that it is easiest to undergo a blood test, which may show that they are immune. If they are not immune, then it is recommended that the student receive vaccinations, including two doses of the measles vaccination and one dose of the rubella vaccination.

Should there be a need to control spread of an infectious disease, such as during a pandemic, Central Seminary may require vaccination (if available) and other precautions (screening tests, masks, temperature checks, etc.) for those wanting access to seminary buildings, while maintaining compliance with local, state, and federal laws. Such health precautions may be required for participation in

particular seminary-related events for the protection of those involved, particularly when there are vulnerable participants.