Medical students will be required to comply with the University's student immunization policy prior to beginning classes. These requirements have been implemented to protect both you and patients that you will have contact with during your studies at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. If for religious, health, or other reasons, you have not been completely immunized, you will be required to provide official verification for requesting an exemption from this requirement. Medical exemptions require a physician's verification.

These requirements are as follows:

1. **Tuberculosis (TB):** A two-step PPD (Tuberculin test) (1-3 weeks apart) or FDA approved IGRA test (e.g. TB Gold QuantiFERON or T-spot) is required within 6 months of matriculation. Student Health Services will be present at your orientation and will be providing second PPD shot if within time frame (i.e. within 3 weeks of 1st PPD). If you test positive, further PPD counseling and/or treatment will be provided to you. If you have already done further evaluation with your private physician, please provide that documentation as well.

2. **Measles-mumps-rubella:** You will have to present documented proof of your immunity to measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). This can be accomplished by:
   a. serologic (laboratory) evidence of immunity to each disease;
   b. documentation by a physician or public health department of receipt of two doses of live-virus measles vaccine, one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine. The first dose of each must have been given on or after your first birthday. The second dose of measles vaccine must be given no less than one month after the first dose.

3. **Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis:** You must have completed a primary series. All students who have not had a Tdap booster in the past 10 years are required to have Adacel or Boostrix(Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis).

4. **Polio:** You must have had an immunization series for all types of polio (3 dose primary series).

   A Booster Polio is acceptable. Medical documentation must be provided.

5. **Varicella:** You must show evidence of immunity for chicken pox (varicella zoster) by serologic testing or documentation of receiving a series of two doses of varicella vaccine 4 to 8 weeks apart. In the absence of evidence of immunity, you must receive a series of two doses of varicella vaccine 4 to 8 weeks apart. If you have begun the series, the Student Health Service will be prepared to complete the series. The costs of these immunizations are not included in the student health fee and will be added to your term bill.

6. **Hepatitis B:** You must show that you are immune from Hepatitis B and not already infectious with Hepatitis B. Please provide documentation that you have had the **series of three vaccinations** against Hepatitis B. The first two vaccinations should be given one month apart. The third vaccination must be given at least 4 months after the first dose, and at least 2
months after the second dose. If you have not completed the series of vaccinations, the Student Health Service will be prepared to administer the series. You will be charged for the cost of these immunizations. You are also required to have serologic proof of immunity by obtaining a **quantitative Hepatitis B Surface Antibody** test. This should be performed at least 1 month after the last Hepatitis B immunization.

If your Antibody test does not show immunity to Hepatitis B then you must get Hepatitis B Surface Antigen test done. Options if you are not immune to Hepatitis B include having a Hepatitis B booster done followed by repeat titers one month after or repeating the Hepatitis B series followed by repeat titers one month after. Additional testing may be required as deemed appropriate by the Student Health Service. If these tests indicated potential for transmission, an evaluation shall be made of the need for monitoring clinical performance and the scope of assigned or permitted clinical activities consistent with patient protection.

7. The university is requiring students to have **proof of vaccination for COVID-19**. This includes the initial vaccination and booster when eligible. ACIP approved Covid-19 vaccines are accepted at this time. Completed Covid-19 vaccination is needed 2 weeks prior to starting your school.