

Strategies and Best Practices Used by Colleges and Universities for Immunizing Adolescents

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Kalamazoo College Admission Immunizations

- Requirements:
 - Td , MMR, Hep.B, Varicella, & Polio
 - TST if travel outside N. America/W. Europe within 5 years
 - Per ACHA recommendations
 - Private Institution
 - Waiver
- Recommended:
 - Tdap (2 years), Hep. A, HPV, Meningococcal & Influenza

Communication

- Admissions Letter:
 - Student/Parents after make deposit
 - From SHC & Dean of Students
 - Explaining immunization requirements ONLY
- Student Development Letter:
 - Students in June detailing SHC services
 - Reminder of immunization requirements.
 - Refer to Student Health Center website & links
- When records complete:
 - SHC sends thank you email to student!

If Immunizations not Up-to-Date

- No dorm room access, start athletic practice or begin classes.
- Enforced by Dean, Res Life & Athletics
- College Policy, not my personal policy
- Review of Immunization dates by nursing staff/ computer program
- Reevaluate status every term & hold registration if necessary.
- Utilize MCIR

While in SHC

- White Board display
- Posters:
 - MDCH: influenza
 - Travel posters
 - HPV
- During exams:
 - Ill: remind to get influenza NEXT year
 - Well: update immunizations, form on left of chart

How to reach students

- Special evening immunization event:
 - Education & vaccinations
 - Invite Department of Community Health
- Utilize campus groups:
 - Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA)
 - Peer Health Advocates advertise & advocate
- Email, facebook, word of mouth, school newspaper, SHCAC
- Offer a drawing with a prize- flu shot!
- Flyers posted/ table tents
 - Cafeteria, Mail Center, Student Center, Dorms

Campus Outreach

- Athletics: Athletic Center
 - On campus early, offer after practice or w/PE
 - Get support of Coaches & Athletic Director
 - Apply to their life: miss practice/games, less competitive
- Orientation: Student Center
 - Parental support: encouragement & financial
 - Peer support: or pressure!
 - Influenza, Meningitis

Additional Opportunities

- HPV
 - Rebates, booklets, posters, emails, special event
 - Discuss @ every Pap, include on form
 - Add to admission immunization form
- Influenza
 - Clinics in fall, campus announcements, signs through spring
- STD testing day
 - Offer food
 - Work with local Community Health Department, another College, Campus groups, RAs, PP

Obstacles to Student Immunizations

- Cost
 - Student Account, Make it cheap, Credit cards
- Convenience
 - Go to where they are: cafeteria, dorms, events
 - Evening offerings, or special hours/days devoted
 - All forms available via Student Health Center website
- Fear
 - Infallible, equate to their life, miss class, weekend activities
 - Educate on quality of nursing staff/build relationship
 - Parental/Cultural Beliefs
 - Private, lay down, distract
 - History of personal/family reaction to immunization
 - Educate about risks involved with immunizations vs. disease

Study Abroad Immunizations

- 85% of K-College students study abroad
- Center International Studies (CIP)
 - Handbook
 - Orientations
- Student Health Center (SHC)
 - Orientation on Health & Safety
 - Travel Clinics
 - Immunization clinics

Travel Immunizations Offered

- Typhoid (oral or IM)
- JeVax (series of 3)
- Rabies (expensive, hard to get)
- Yellow Fever (MDCH authorized site)

Thank you!

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