

Work-related vaccinations for new employees of Med Uni Graz clinics

It is the responsibility of the Medical University of Graz to ensure the highest level of protection against the further spread of infectious diseases within its sphere of action. Therefore, new employees in a clinical department must show proof of vaccination against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chickenpox).

In the clinical areas and in nonclinical areas where contact with patients is possible (hygiene, genetics, pathology, forensic medicine), SARS-CoV-2 vaccination according to the recommendation of the Austrian National Vaccination Committee (NIG) is required as well. In any case, proof must be furnished of the basic immunization series (3 vaccinations). In all other areas, applicants with the basic immunization series will continue to be preferred (when they are equally qualified).

It is also necessary in a clinical department to be protected against hepatitis B. If you have already received the basic immunization series (3 vaccinations: 0 - 1 - 6/12), we require a current hep B antibody titer or the date of the next required booster vaccination. If you have not received the complete basic immunization series, proof of at least two vaccinations within the past six months must be furnished.

If you have never had a hepatitis B vaccination, you will receive one from the occupational health service provider *Arbeitsmedizinischer Dienst* (AMD). You must contact AMD yourself. If the competent casualty insurance provider does not cover the cost of this vaccination, you may be required to share part of the cost.

If you come from an area where tuberculosis is endemic, you must also provide the results of a current lung x-ray.

Have your doctor fill out the enclosed form for the required proof and send it, BEFORE you start work, to Human Resources, Personnel Administration department, personal@medunigraz.at, together with the other documentation needed to draft the contract.

For your own protection, we ask that you follow the recommendations of the current Austrian vaccination plan for employees in medical services (<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Impfen/Impfplan-%C3%96sterreich.html>) and, if necessary, receive boosters of other vaccinations such as diphtheria/tetanus/polio/whooping cough. With a prescription from AMD, vaccines requiring payment can be received at a lower cost through the hospital pharmacy.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Yours sincerely,



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