



IMMUNIZATIONS AND TB SCREENING



The following information is provided to assist you in fulfilling immunization and TB screening requirements and recommendations. This is general information for students at AISC.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT AISC

DPT, DtaP, DT or Td (Diphtheria and tetanus, with or without pertussis) - A minimum of 3 doses, with at least one dose after the 4th birthday. (Exception: If the child has received six doses before the 4th birthday, consult your physician about when the next dose will be due.) Middle and High School students whose last immunization containing tetanus was 10 or more years ago must receive a Td (adult tetanus-diphtheria) or plain tetanus booster.

POLIO - A minimum of 3 doses of oral or injectable polio. If a child had only 3 doses of polio vaccine, one dose must have been administered after the 4th birthday.

MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA – Grades from 1 to grade 5: one dose of each may be given in combination as “MMR”. Grades 6 and up: same, plus second measles or MMR.

These are minimum requirements for AISC. The United States CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommends doses additional to the minimum given here. Please check with your physician regarding the immunization schedule recommended for your child.

All dates must be provided. Students who do not have immunization records may be requested to have a repeat of one of each of the above immunizations to ensure at least partial immunity.

Parents who object to any immunization requirement may sign a waiver provided by the school, with the understanding that the child may be excluded from school in the event of exposure or epidemic.

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING: Students are required to have tuberculosis screening (PPD 5TU, Mantoux test, Or Chest x-ray, and check for TB symptoms) within 12 months prior to entry to AISC. This requirement is waived if the student has had a BCG vaccination within the last 5 years. BCG vaccination is NOT required by AISC.

ADDITIONAL IMMUNIZATIONS RECOMMENDED:

AISC does not require these for entry, but they are highly recommended for the health of your children. The first 3 are included in childhood immunizations given in many countries, including the US. The others are recommended for India. Please check with your physician or travel clinic.



HIB (Homophiles influenza) – Highly recommended for children up to age 3-6 years. Not available in some countries. Available only in combination with DTP in India.

HEPATITIS B – Series of 3 birth and up.

VARICELLA (chickenpox) – one or 2 shots after age 12 months, depending on age.

TYPHOID – Typhoid is spread through contaminated food or water. One shot good for 2-3 years or 4 tablets orally, good for 5 years. Repeat at recommended time. The oral vaccine is difficult to obtain in India.

HEPATITIS A – Hepatitis A is spread through contaminated food or water. 2 doses 6 months apart.

RABIES – 3 doses in one month. Rabies is prevalent all over India.

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS – 3 doses in one month. Serious illness carried by mosquitoes. Not usually present in urban areas. Recommended for those students likely to visit rural areas with rice and livestock production, particularly eastern coastal states, parts of Nepal. Consult with your physician or travel clinic. This vaccine is not available in India except in areas of outbreak.

BCG TUBERCULOSIS VACCINE: WHO (World Health Organization) and many countries highly recommend the BCG vaccination for extended stays in India.