

## VACCINATION POLICY

### We encourage students to come to school fully immunized to protect their health

Immunizations are one of the most effective public health measures in preventing communicable diseases. Below are some common concerns; more information can be found at the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) site](https://www.cdc.gov). Please note all vaccines required under Oklahoma Immunization Law for schools. **The College strongly recommends all students faculty and staff to be vaccinated for COVID-19.**

Vaccine	Description
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness caused by a virus called SARS-CoV-2. Symptoms often include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
Influenza	A viral infection that attacks your respiratory system, your nose, throat and lungs. Influenza is commonly called the flu. There are four types of flu viruses: A, B, C and D.
Hepatitis-B	A vaccine-preventable liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). Hepatitis B is spread when blood, semen, or other body fluids from a person infected with the virus enters the body of someone who is not infected.
Meningococcal Meningitis	Inflammation of the meninges due to infection with the bacterium <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> . Meningococcal meningitis typically starts like the flu, with the sudden onset of an intense headache, fever, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and malaise. The bacteria infect the lining of the brain and spinal cord and cause swelling.
Pneumococcal	A bacterium ( <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ) that causes an acute pneumonia involving one or more lobes of the lung
Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis	Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) are serious bacterial infections. Tetanus causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over the body. It can lead to "locking" of the jaw. Diphtheria usually affects the nose and throat. Whooping cough causes uncontrollable coughing.
Varicella	A highly infectious viral disease, known familiarly as chickenpox. (In many countries, this disease is always called "varicella.") In rare cases, it can cause major problems including pneumonia and encephalitis.
Hepatitis-A	Inflammation of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is usually transmitted from person to person by food or drink that has been contaminated with the stool of a person with hepatitis A.
HPV	Human Papillomavirus is a common virus that can lead to 6 types of cancers later in life. You can protect your child from developing these cancers by giving HPV vaccine at ages 11–12 years. HPV is spread through intimate skin to skin contact. You can get HPV by having vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who has the virus.