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I. Policy

It is the policy of Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging (SOMI) to outline the vaccination requirements for all students for admission to and continuance in the program.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students meet the clinical compliance requirements of the clinical agencies for clinical courses to ensure student and patient safety.

III. Scope

This policy applies to all SOMI students.

IV. Definitions

Clinical Compliance Software - refers to the system used to track/document student compliance of all clinical requirements.

V. Policy Details

This policy outlines the clinical compliance requirements required upon entry to the School in order for students to participate in clinical experience. Some requirements require annual/biennial updates. Students must submit all documentation requirements in a timely manner as specified by the School. The information provided to the School may be shared with the clinical agencies in which the student has an assigned clinical experience. Students are financially responsible for any associated costs of all clinical compliance requirements. Failure to comply with any of these requirements render students ineligible to participate in clinical experiences required in the curriculum.

Clinical Compliance requirements are described below:

- **Clinical Compliance Software:** Upon Acceptance, all SOMI students are required to open a Clinical Compliance Software account. All entrance requirements must be completed, and documentation submitted to the Clinical Compliance Software prior to enrollment. The following requirements are conditions of admission,

failure to complete all requirements would result in an offer of admission being withdrawn,

- **Physical Health Assessment:** Upon entry, a health assessment/history by medical personnel must be completed, indicating ability to perform the essential functions of a Radiologic Technology student. Students must provide additional documentation as necessary.
- **Drug Screen:** Upon entry, all students are required to submit a urine drug test prior to enrollment. Drug screens must be completed at a LabCorp specimen collection site. Drug screens completed at a physician's office will not be accepted. Students will obtain the order for a urine drug screen upon opening a required Clinical Compliance Software account. Students with a positive drug screen will be denied acceptance.
- **Criminal Background Check:** Upon entry, students are required to complete a criminal background check prior to enrollment. The criminal background check will be completed automatically upon opening of the clinical compliance account. Students that were required to complete the ARRT ethics review pre-approval process will submit the ARRT approval document into the Clinical Compliance Software account.
- **Virginia Child Protective Services Investigation:** Upon entry, students are required to complete a Virginia Child Protective Services Background Investigation form to be submitted to the VA Department of Social Services through the Clinical Compliance software account. This form will be filled out by students at orientation and sent on their behalf.
- **Minors:** Students are required to be 18 years of age or older by the start date of the program.
- **Basic Life Support:** Upon entry, students must provide current certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare providers course upon entry and bi-annually thereafter. Bon Secours Mercy Health recognizes three certifying bodies: The American Heart Association (AHA), The American Red Cross, and The American Health and Safety Institute (AHSI). Online courses without demonstration components are not accepted. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange BLS recertification as needed.
- **Compliance Learning Modules:** Upon entry/annually, students are required to complete learning modules when admitted, on an annual basis, and as assigned throughout the academic year. Students must complete the assigned modules by the due date. Entering students will be provided with information on how to access these modules during orientation.
- **Health Insurance:** SOMI requires that all students carry private health insurance throughout enrollment in the program to cover needed health services that are beyond first aid. Students are solely responsible for all costs incurred related to their health while a student. Bon Secours Mercy Health does not provide health insurance.
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The following immunizations are required:

- **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap):** Upon entry, Tdap vaccine within the past 10 years.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** Upon entry, 2 doses of vaccine or titer indicating immunity.
- **Varicella:** Upon entry, 2 doses of vaccine or titer indicating immunity.
- **Hepatitis B:** Upon entry, completed vaccine series (2 or 3 dose series) or titer indicating immunity.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Screening:** Upon entry and annually.
In accordance with the CDC guidelines and the VDH guidelines, newly admitted students must be tested for TB. Use of an IGRA (Interferon Gamma Release Assay) blood test for this purpose is required (PPD skin tests are **not** acceptable). The two FDA-approved IGRAs available for use in the United States are QuantiFERON Gold IN-Tube and T-SPOT-TB.
Newly admitted students with a positive result or history of a positive result are required to have a chest x-ray with a negative result within one year of admission in order to be compliant. Students must provide the chest x-ray date and result.
- **Flu Vaccine:** Annually.
All students must receive a flu vaccine annually. Flu shots are offered to students at no charge through Bon Secours Mercy Health during September and October.

Sanctions for noncompliance:

Students are required to upload all mandatory documentation of clinical compliance into the Clinical Compliance Software by the date provided by School officials. If students are not in compliance with this requirement by the deadline, disciplinary action up to and including program dismissal may result.

VI. Attachments

N/A

VII. Related Policies

None

VIII. Disclaimers

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging (SOMI) and any party. SOMI, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

IX. Version Control

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