



## Vaccination Policies

Students are required to sign a Health History form when applying to Williamson College. The law does not require that students receive vaccination for enrollment. Furthermore, the institution is not required by law to provide vaccination and/or reimbursement for any vaccines.

The following information is referenced in the Health History form new applicants receive:

The General Assembly of the State of Tennessee mandates that each public or private postsecondary institution in the state provide information concerning Hepatitis B infection to all students matriculating for the first time. Tennessee law requires that such students complete and sign a waiver form provided by the institution that includes detailed information about the disease. The required information below includes the risk factors and dangers of the disease as well as information on the availability and effectiveness of the vaccine for persons who are at-risk for the disease. The information concerning this disease is from the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association.

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a serious viral infection of the liver that can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure, and even death. The disease is transmitted by blood and or body fluids and many people will have no symptoms when they develop the disease. The primary risk factors for Hepatitis B are sexual activity and injecting drug use. This disease is completely preventable. Hepatitis B vaccine is available to all age groups to prevent Hepatitis B viral infection. A series of three (3) doses of vaccine are required for optimal protection. Missed doses may still be sought to complete the series if only one or two have been acquired. The HBV vaccine has a record of safety and is believed to confer lifelong immunity in most cases.

New applicants must certify they have read the information above. If they have completed the dose series of the Hepatitis B vaccine, they can denote the date on the Health History form. If they are in the process of completing the dose series, they can also indicate this on form. Finally, if they elect not to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine, they must mark the selection on the form.