Dear Admitted Student:

We wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about important immunization requirements you will need to meet to attend Stritch. We strongly encourage you to complete these as early as possible. **The deadline for completion of these immunizations for Stritch is July 1, 2020.** If you do not complete these requirements you will NOT be allowed to matriculate to Stritch.

To track immunizations and other requirements, SSOM uses an online system through CastleBranch. This is where you will use a personal, secure account to upload your proof of immunizations and titers.

To start your CastleBranch account:
1. Please go to: [https://portal.castlebranch.com/LG77](https://portal.castlebranch.com/LG77)
2. Select “Place Order.”
3. Select “Stritch School of Medicine” from the drop down.
4. Select “LG77im: Class of 2024.”
5. Indicate that you have read the order instructions.
6. Indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions.
7. Enter your personal information to set up an account.
8. There will be a one-time $35 charge to set up an account.

You will need to obtain **quantitative IgG AB** (antibody) **immune titer lab** (this test cannot be pass/fail—it MUST show a number) results for the following vaccines to show your immunity.

Please note that you need the titers AND the proof you have received the vaccines (with dates).

- Measles IGG – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer.
- Mumps IGG – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer.
- Rubella IGG – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer.
- Varicella IGG – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer.
- Hepatitis B Surface Antibody – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer AND documentation of dates of all prior Hepatitis B vaccines.
- Quantiferon Gold (or other IGRA screening test) **within 3 months of your medical school start date (Aug 3, 2020)** with a negative result. TB (ppd) skin testing is NOT acceptable.
If positive or indeterminate Quantiferon Gold (or other IGRA screening test) you will need to submit documentation of a one-view chest x-ray (PA) performed within 3 months of your medical school start date, proving negative for active disease.

- TDAP- we require documentation of vaccine given after June 2013.

If you are NOT immune to any of the above viruses or the result is equivocal, you will need to have a booster vaccine, then repeat the titer in 4 weeks. Please note that some boosters require a series with waiting periods in between.

Be advised that there will be additional requirements listed on your CastleBranch account that are NOT DUE at the same time of the immunizations and titers. CastleBranch only allows one due date to be listed for all requirements, so please reference the prematriculation check list for correct deadlines.

- All SSOM students are required to receive a flu vaccine annually. These are offered through Loyola at no cost to students during the fall semester. You do NOT need to do this prior to matriculation.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certification and mask fit testing will be completed during orientation week. If you have BLS certification already, you will still be required to complete it during orientation. No exceptions will be given for courses already taken.
- Mental Health First Aid and Sexual Assault Prevention trainings are due later in the fall.

If you have questions regarding any of these requirements, please email clinical-req@luc.edu.