IMPORTANT
Information on Requirements for Incoming Students

Dear Admitted Student:

While we are still in the midst of the admissions season we wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about important forthcoming requirements you will need to meet to attend Stritch. Notifying you early will provide ample time for you to complete any of these that will be needed for your foreseeable future. *Please read this letter and enclosures carefully, as these items will affect your ability to matriculate on July 23, 2018.*

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

We strongly encourage you to complete these as early as possible. **The deadline for completion of these immunizations for Stritch is July 2, 2018.** In the instance that you matriculate to another medical school, be assured that the immunization requirements will largely be the same. 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. Please go to: [https://portal.castlebranch.com/LG77](https://portal.castlebranch.com/LG77) to start your Castlebranch account. Choose “Clinical Requirements LG77 Class of 2022” to begin.

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).

1. Measles IgG – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer.
3. Rubella IgG – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer.
5. Hepatitis B Surface Antibody – QUANTITATIVE laboratory documentation of protective/immune titer **AND** documentation of dates of all prior Hepatitis B vaccines.
6. Quantiferon Gold (or other IGRA screening test) **within 3 months of your medical school start date** 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.
7. 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 all SSOM students are required to receive a flu vaccines annually. These are offered at no cost to students when the time comes. You do **NOT** need to do this prior to matriculation.

Do **NOT** complete CPR certification or a mask fit test prior to matriculation. SSOM requires certification for all students during orientation week. If you have CPR certification already, you will still be required to complete it during orientation. No exceptions will be given for courses already taken.

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS & ACCOMMODATIONS**

By now you have probably signed the technical standards for the MD degree. They can be found here: [https://vault.lumc.edu/admis_applicants/default.cfm](https://vault.lumc.edu/admis_applicants/default.cfm). If you would like to apply for an accommodation through the Academic Center for Excellence and Disability Services, please see letter from Dr. Hopps.

**ORIENTATION WEEK COMMON READ**

During orientation each year the class engages a common read and subsequent discussion with faculty and peers. The common read for this year is: *Black Man in a White Coat* by Damon Tweedy. [http://www.damontweedy.com/](http://www.damontweedy.com/). You will need to have read this book by July 23, 2018, which is the Monday of orientation week.

**COURSE and DEGREE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

If you did not do so before interview day, please complete the prerequisite certification and confirmation forms here: [https://vault.lumc.edu/admis_applicants/default.cfm](https://vault.lumc.edu/admis_applicants/default.cfm).

The courses and/or degrees you indicated on your AMCAS application MUST be complete prior to matriculation. If you have changes to this, they must be submitted in writing to the Executive Admissions Committee for adjudication. Guidelines for this appear in the AMCAS agreement. Submissions fall under the SSOM policy about updates, which is enclosed.

**MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS/NOTICES**

You will be required to show a current ID in order to register. Acceptable forms of original IDs must be presented to registration and records on the first day of orientation. Please ensure your IDs are current. Acceptable forms of ID are:

**US Citizen:**
- Your **current** U.S. Passport or
- Your state-issued driver’s license or other state-issued ID which has a photo and descriptive information about you **AND** either Social Security Card or original/certified copy of your birth certificate.

**Non-US Citizen:**
- Your Permanent Resident Card with your current passport.

**DACA Recipient:**
Clinical tools such as stethoscope, otoscope, etc., will be purchased through a vendor with a group discount during fall semester. While you may choose to purchase these on your own, we ask that you not purchase until you receive the specifications required for the equipment.

Second Look is Friday, April 6. We encourage you to save the date and plan to attend. RSVP here: https://stritch.wufoo.com/forms/r1cb82do0vy646x/. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet future classmates, get a more in-depth look at Stritch, and plan for your transition to Stritch (look for housing, roommates, etc.).

Family Weekend will be August 25. Events include a family mass, Class of 2022 White Coat Ceremony, and a chartered dinner cruise on Lake Michigan. Please save the date. Information will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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