April 7, 2015

To: Incoming Freshmen

Re: Hepatitis B Vaccination Requirement

Effective January 1, 2000, the California State Legislature mandated first-time enrollees at the University of California, who are eighteen years of age or younger, provide proof of immunization against Hepatitis B prior to their enrollment.

To assure compliance with the law, please sign onto TritonLink and answer each question on the Hepatitis B Clearance form. You must submit your form no later than July 15, 2015. If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must complete the form. If you have medical questions regarding Hepatitis B vaccination, you may contact Student Health Services Ask a Nurse via our Online Services on our website studenthealth.ucsd.edu. All other questions should be directed to Admissions via My Application.

Hepatitis B immunization consists of a series of 3 vaccines given over a 4 to 6 month period. Unless you qualify for one of the exemptions listed, you must at least start the Hepatitis B series before enrolling for Fall 2015 quarter. You must receive at least the 2nd vaccine prior to enrolling for Winter 2016 quarter, and you must complete the full series of 3 vaccines prior to enrolling for Spring 2016 quarter. You will be required to re-submit the Hepatitis B Clearance form each quarter until the vaccine series is complete.

**Remember, your enrollment will be delayed until you meet this California Health and Safety Code requirement.** Students who have not completed their Hepatitis B vaccinations may do so at Student Health Services on campus for a fee. Further information about Hepatitis B, a contagious viral illness, can be found at our website: [http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu](http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu).

Thank you for your assistance in meeting this State requirement. I wish you a healthy and productive summer.

Sincerely,

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