

## Vaccinations of social and healthcare students

All social and healthcare students are required to check their protection against influenza, measles, pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chickenpox). Check at the beginning of your studies which vaccines you need for the training and get them at least 3 months beforehand.

Section 48 of the revised Infectious Diseases Act governs the immunity of students participating in practical training, the aim being to protect patients. The purpose of the Act is to ensure that all staff members and students working at health care and social services units get vaccinated against influenza every year and are protected against measles and varicella, through either vaccination or a personal history of the disease. Those caring for children aged under 1 year must also be vaccinated against pertussis. This will improve the safety of both patients and the students.

Getting vaccinated is voluntary and presenting a statement on suitability is also voluntary. However, your practical training location is required by law to check your suitability and the employer is not obliged to accept you for the training if your suitability cannot be confirmed.

<https://www.yths.fi/en/services/a-prevention-of-infectious-diseases/instructions-for-social-and-health-care-student/vaccinations/>

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