Required Immunisation
As a Health and Safety pre-requisite only students who are certified to be immune from Hepatitis B can be allowed for clinical placements at Mater Dei Hospital. Accepted first year students should have completed a full course of Hepatitis B vaccination and submitted their relative lab report of their Seroconversion Titre to the Faculty by not later than the 30 November 2018.

Students who took the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in the past need to follow the procedure marked A, as their level of immunisation might be acceptable, depending on the result. Other students who did not take the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine need to follow the procedure marked B and then follow the procedure marked A.

What is a SeroConversion Titre?
Please refer to the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/hbvfaq.htm

Procedure A
Students who took the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in the past need to follow this procedure:

1. Students should go to the designated area Health Centre for their locality from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 17:00hrs or on Saturday from 08:00 to 13:00hrs. They should see a medical doctor and make a formal request and an appointment for Seroconversion Titre.
2. Those students who have not yet reached the age of 18 need to produce a letter of consent for Hepatitis B antibody level testing signed by the parent or guardian. The full name of the parent or guardian must be printed below the signature on the letter of consent.
3. Students should take with them the following documents to the Health Centre:
   a. the National Identity Card;
   b. the Immunization Record
   c. the Letter of Acceptance sent by the Registrar’s Office of the University of Malta; and
   d. Form A duly filled in.
4. It is extremely important that students adhere to the appointment given.
5. The Health Centre Staff will guide students as to when results should be collected from the respective Health Centre.
6. The vaccines are provided free of charge to all EU students accepted for one of the Courses leading to a health profession.
7. Non-EU students will be billed by Mater Dei Hospital for the laboratory test.

Procedure B
Students who did not take the 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in the past need to follow this procedure:

1. Students should go to the Floriana Health Centre from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 13:30hrs.
2. Those students who have not yet reached the age of 18 need to produce a letter of consent for Hepatitis B vaccination signed by a parent or guardian. The full name of the parent or guardian must be printed below the signature on the letter of consent.

3. Students should take with them the following documents to the Floriana Health Centre:
   a. The National Identity Card;
   b. the Immunization Record;
   c. the Letter of Acceptance sent by the Registrar’s Office of the University of Malta; and
   d. Form B duly filled in.

4. The Immunisation Staff will evaluate the immunisation status and advice will be given on pending vaccines. The Hepatitis B vaccine will be administered to those who require it. Post-vaccination seroconversion titre should be complete 6-8 weeks after the last dose of the Hepatitis B vaccination course. For the post-vaccination seroconversion titre students need to follow Procedure A.

5. The vaccines are provided free of charge to all EU students accepted for one of the courses leading to a health profession.

6. Non-EU students can purchase the vaccine from a retail pharmacy close to the Floriana Health Centre in order to keep the temperature at a constant level. The vaccine will then be administered by the Immunisation staff at the Floriana Health Centre.

**Submission of Titre Results at the Faculty Office, Faculty of Health Sciences by 30 November 2018:**

Results for students following courses offered by the Department of Nursing should be submitted to Ms Kathleen Mazey, Clinical Administrator, Department of Nursing, Room 21, Laboratory Area, Faculty of Health Sciences.

Results for students following courses offered by all Faculty Departments, with the exception of the Department of Nursing, are to be submitted to Ms Sharon Micallef, Administrative Assistant, Faculty Office, Room 2, Faculty of Health Sciences.

Results should be submitted from Monday to Friday during the following student hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**
10:30hrs to 12:15hrs, 15:30hrs to 16:30hrs

**Tuesday, Thursday**
08:30hrs to 10:30hrs, 14:00hrs to 16:00hrs

The result slip should include results for Seroconversion Titre ONLY and should be signed by the Medical Officer requesting the test.

Students who do not complete the vaccination process by this deadline are required to present evidence (a copy of record card for Hepatitis B Immunisation or a note from a medical practitioner) that clearly demonstrate that they have commenced the vaccination process.