



Occupational Health And Wellness (OHW)
Learner/Instructor
IMMUNIZATION AND SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION

Learners/Instructors carrying on activities within RVH are considered workers according to the Ontario Hospital Association and must provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis B as well as documentation of tuberculosis screening, and COVID-19 vaccination.

The attached Occupational Health and Wellness (OHW) Immunization Record/Respirator Fit form is to be completed by either your family doctor, nurse practitioner or local walk-in clinic.

Relatives are not permitted to complete and sign this record. Any costs associated with the completion of this form are your responsibility.

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) STATUS

Workers are required to have a documented 2-step Tuberculin skin test (TST) to identify a truly positive or negative skin test. A 2-step TST involves implanting Tubersol (purified protein derivative (PPD) just below the surface of the skin on the forearm. The skin test must be read by a physician or other qualified health care professional 48–72 hours later. If negative, the process is repeated (step #2) in the other forearm 1 to 4 weeks after the first TST. Note: TST is safe to have while pregnant.

The following testing timelines are acceptable:

- 2-step TST administered and *read within the last 12 months **OR**
- 1-step TST administered and *read within the last 12 months (provided that there is proof of a previous negative 2-step TST completed at any time in the past) **OR**
- Two 1-step TSTs administered and read at least one week apart within the last 12 months

For those who have previously tested TB positive, proof of the positive TST and a chest x-ray report is required. Further assessment may be required depending on individual risk factors for exposure to TB since your last chest x-ray.

The TST reading can be affected by live vaccines and should be completed 4 or more weeks before or after receiving live immunizations such as MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) or Varivax (chickenpox) vaccine.

If a worker is scheduled for more than one placement at RVH within a 1 year timeframe, the following is required:

1. Documented proof of a negative result from first placement (e.g. Parklane documentation, Medical documentation with date and result of previous test, etc.)
2. Negative declaration to the following two risk assessment questions:
 - a. Have you traveled to a country with a high risk of TB exposure (<http://www.stoptb.org/countries/tbdata.asp>)
 - b. Have you worked with patients with query TB receiving the following procedures (sputum induction, bronchoscopy, administration of aerosolized therapies, respiratory therapy, chest physio, autopsy, morbid anatomy and pathology examinations, and/or manipulation of *M.tuberculosis* cultures)

I confirm that I have not traveled to a country with a high risk of TB exposure as per link in 2a above, nor have I worked with patients with query TB as outlined in 2b above.

Student Name: _____ Instructor Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Instructor Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____



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If you have had a positive TST, you are required to submit documentation of the positive TST and an updated chest x-ray completed no more than 12 months prior to your start date.

TST is required despite having a past history of vaccination for TB (called BCG). If TST is positive from BCG, a 2-step TST is not required. In this case, you must submit a chest x-ray report that has been completed within the last 12 months.

The TST can be affected by live vaccines and should be completed **before** immunizations such as MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), varivax (chickenpox) vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, etc.

IMMUNIZATION STATUS

It is mandatory to provide documentation of immune status to the highly communicable childhood diseases of measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox. There is more than one way to do this. Documented proof of immunity to measles and rubella is **mandatory** for healthcare workers.

Measles:

One of the following is acceptable:

- Laboratory evidence of measles immunity (blood test resulting in a positive titre), **OR** Documented evidence of immunization with 2 doses of live measles-containing vaccine administered on or after the first birthday, with doses given at least 4 weeks apart

Rubella:

One of the following is acceptable:

- Laboratory evidence of rubella immunity (blood test resulting in a positive titre), **OR**
- Documented evidence of immunization with 1 dose of live rubella-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday

Note: A history of having had rubella is not acceptable as this disease can be confused with other viruses

Mumps:

One of the following is acceptable:

- Laboratory evidence of mumps immunity (blood test resulting in a positive titre), **OR**
- Documented evidence of immunization with 2 doses of mumps-containing vaccine given on or after the first birthday, at least 4 weeks apart

Varicella (Chickenpox):

One of the following is acceptable:

- Documented evidence of immunization with 2 doses of varicella-containing vaccine 4- 8 weeks apart, **OR**
- Laboratory evidence of immunity, **OR** laboratory confirmation of disease

Hepatitis B Vaccine:

All workers must disclose their immunity status (immune or non-immune titre). Hepatitis B vaccination is **highly recommended** for all workers who may have any contact with human blood and bodily fluids (including clinical workers, laundry, environmental services and medical device reprocessing department workers).

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis Vaccine:

This immunization is not mandatory but it is advisable by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The Tetanus/Diphtheria (TD) vaccine is given every 10 years. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis is recommended for all health care providers (1 dose) followed by TD vaccination every 10 years thereafter.



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Influenza Vaccine:

It is mandatory to report your Influenza immunization status for the current influenza season and then annually thereafter to Occupational Health. For more information, please refer to RVH policy: Occupational Health Requirements.

COVID-19 Vaccine:

It is mandatory to be fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine prior to placement i.e. received at least 14 days ago the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or the first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

N95 Respirators:

If you have been fit for one of the sizes indicated on the RVH Learner Attestation Form within the past 2 years, please provide proof to Occupational Health. If you have not been fit for one of these sizes please reach out to Workplacesafety@rvh.on.ca to be refit