

Staff Immunization and Surveillance Policy INFORMATION SHEET

For the purposes of the Mount Sinai Hospital Immunization & Surveillance Policy, the term "Staff" refers to all persons carrying out work activities within the hospital and includes all employees, physicians, research institute staff, volunteers, students, independent contract workers and observers. All Staff are required to comply with the Mount Sinai Hospital Immunization & Surveillance Policy, which is based upon the OMA/OHA Communicable Disease Surveillance Protocols for Ontario Hospitals.

Staff must provide documentation of tuberculosis screening, as well as proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chickenpox) prior to their start date at MSH. Hepatitis B, Tdap/Td and Influenza vaccine status must also be provided.

The attached Immunization Record is to be completed by either a *physician or, if appropriate, the Occupational Health Nurse* at your previous employer and must be returned to MSH Occupational Health, Wellness and Safety Department (OHWS) by fax to **416-361-2663** no later than 12pm two business days prior to your start date. **No Staff will be allowed to start work without clearance through OHWS**. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing by the Director of OHWS and the Director of Infection Control following the completion of a risk assessment.

Tuberculosis:

- Staff are required to have had a documented **2-step** Tuberculosis (TB) skin test done prior to their start date. This involves the planting of a TB skin test in the forearm and having it read by a physician or Occupational Health Nurse 2-3 days later. If negative, the process will be repeated in the other arm 1-3 weeks later. If the 2-step TB skin test was done more than 12 months prior to their start date, the result of a 1-step TB skin test must be provided. If 1st or 2nd test is positive, (i.e. greater than 10mm induration), a chest x-ray is required to be completed, post-positive test. The 2-step skin test identifies the truly positive skin test. It is essential to have accurate baseline information at the beginning of your placement as this is the comparison that is used in the event of an exposure. Testing is required despite having a past history of vaccination for TB (called BCG).
- Individuals who have a documented positive skin test <u>are required to submit the results of a chest x-ray</u> completed post-positive test.
- TB tests are safe to have while pregnant.
- TB tests can be affected by some types of vaccines and should be completed **before** receiving live vaccines such as MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) or Varivax (chickenpox vaccine).

Measles - Any one of the following is acceptable:

- Documentation of receipt of 2 doses of live Measles virus vaccine (or trivalent Measles-Mumps-Rubella [MMR] vaccine) on or after the first birthday, given at least four weeks apart, OR
- Laboratory evidence of immunity.

<u>Mumps</u> - Any one of the following is acceptable:

- Documentation of receipt of 2 doses of live Mumps virus vaccine (or trivalent Measles-Mumps-Rubella [MMR] vaccine) on or after the first birthday, given at least four weeks apart, OR
- Laboratory evidence of immunity.

Rubella - Any one of the following is acceptable:

- Documentation of receipt of 1 dose of Rubella vaccine (or trivalent Measles-Mumps-Rubella [MMR] vaccine) on or after the first birthday, OR
- Laboratory evidence of immunity.

A history of having had Rubella is not acceptable as this disease can be confused with other viruses.

Varicella (Chickenpox) - Any one of the following is acceptable:

- Documentation of receipt of 2 doses of Varicella vaccine, given at least 4 weeks apart, OR
- Laboratory evidence of immunity, OR
- Laboratory evidence of chickenpox or shingles from a scraping or swab of a skin lesion.

<u>Hepatitis B Vaccine</u> - Highly recommended for any Staff who might have any contact with human blood or body fluids, or items contaminated with human blood or body fluids. All Staff must notify OHWS of their immune status (e.g. their Hepatitis B surface antibody titre) so in the event of an exposure protective action can be taken promptly.

<u>Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis</u> - Staff who have not received a dose of Pertussis vaccine as an adult should receive one dose of Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis vaccine for adults) prior to working in the hospital. Additionally, Tetanus/Diphtheria vaccine (Td) should be received every 10 years. All Staff must inform OHWS of their vaccination status.

<u>Influenza Vaccine</u> - Offered by OHWS and highly recommended for all Staff annually. If you do not receive the Influenza vaccine at MSH, all Staff must inform OHWS of their influenza vaccination status (i.e. vaccine declination for medical or personal reasons, or if you received your vaccination elsewhere) on an annual basis. If you cannot receive the Influenza vaccine, you **must** wear a surgical mask in all patient care areas during the Influenza season as per MSH's Prevention and Management of Influenza Policy.



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In order to fulfill the terms and conditions of your employment offer, the following information must be provided to Occupational Health, Wellness and Safety no later than 12pm two business days prior to your start date. Retain a copy for your records. INSTRUCTIONS: Take the information sheet and this form to your physician or an Occupational Health Nurse to complete in full and sign. Relatives are not permitted to complete and sign this record. Once complete, fax this form to OHWS at 416-361-2663. Incomplete forms and late submissions will delay your start date. Any costs associated with the completion of this form are your responsibility.

LAST NAME			FIRST NAME				MIDDLE INITIAL			
HOME PHONE CELL PHONE (optional)		EMAIL (OPTIONAL)				DATE OF BIRTH				
JOB TITLE		DEPARTMENT		S		SUPERVISO	SUPERVISOR			
TUBERCU	LOSIS SCREENING (2-Step is r	equired):								
If 1 st test is	s NEGATIVE: 2 nd step must be give	n 7 to 21 day	s after 1 st	test in opposi	ite arm.					
1 st step:	Date planted:	nted: Date read:		Result (+ or -)		or -)	Induration (mm)			
2 nd step:	Date planted:	Date read:	Date read:		Result (+ c	or -)	Induration (mm)			
If the abov	/e NEGATIVE 2-Step TB test was N	OT complete	d within th	e last 12 mon	ths, a 1-Ste	ep TB test mus	t be con	pleted.		
1 st step: Date planted:		Date read:	Date read:		Result (+ c	or -)	Induration (mm)			
If 1 st or 2 nd	test is POSITIVE (i.e. greater than	i.e. greater than 10mm induration): Chest x-ray is required to be completed, post-positive test.						tive test.		
X-ray:	Date:	Result:								
PROOF OF	F IMMUNITY:									
	Laboratory evidence of immunit	Laboratory evidence of immunity (titres), OR		Date of test:			⊐ lmmun	e □ Not Immune		
Measles:	1 MMR after 1 st birthday plus ar measles booster <u>or</u> a 2 nd MMR	1 MMR after 1 st birthday plus an additional measles booster <u>or</u> a 2 nd MMR		Date of 1 st MMR:			(Please check one) ☐ Measles booster Date: ☐ 2 nd MMR Date:			
	Laboratory evidence of immunit	Laboratory evidence of immunity (titres), OR		Date of test:			⊐ Immun	e □ Not Immune		
Mumps:	1 MMR after 1 st birthday plus an additional mumps booster <u>or</u> a 2 nd MMR		Date of 1 st MMR:			(Please ch □ Mumps □ 2 nd MMF	(Please check one) ☐ Mumps booster Date: ☐ 2 nd MMR Date:			
Rubella:	Laboratory evidence of immunit	Laboratory evidence of immunity (titres), OR		Date of test: Resi			⊐ Immun	e □ Not Immune		
	1 MMR after 1 st birthday	1 MMR after 1 st birthday		Date of MMR:						
	Varicella vaccine (2 doses requi	Varicella vaccine (2 doses required), OR		Date of 1 st dose:			Date of 2 nd dose:			
Varicella:	Laboratory evidence of immunit	Laboratory evidence of immunity (titres), OR		Date of test:			Result: ☐ Immune ☐ Not Immune			
		Laboratory evidence of chickenpox or shingles (from lesion swab or scraping)			Date of test:			Result:		
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	Laboratory evidence of immunit titre must be provided if vaccina	Laboratory evidence of immunity (antibody		Date of test:		Result: Immune INot Immune				
Hepatitis I	racontation to mgm, recommen	Vaccination is highly recommended for Staff who may have exposure to human blood and body fluids		Received vaccine? ☐ Yes ☐ No		If yes, year series was completed: Lab evidence of immunity post series? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not tested				
Tetanus/ Diphtheria Pertussis:		lults	☐ Tdap If never red ☐ Td	ceived Tdap	ate: p ear of most recent booster:					
Influenza: Highly recommended each year [Date of most recent vaccine:								
Completed by: Physician/OHN			Signature				Date			
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the mandate	ory requirements of the Staff Immu	nization and	Surveillan	ce Policy as	outlined in	my hire letter.	wiioii-co	imphanty in relation to		
New Staff Si	gnature					Date				