

Communicable Disease Screening Requirements For Students/Learners on Placement

As a prerequisite for learning placements at KHSC, individuals who carry on activities at KHSC must meet the communicable disease surveillance requirements as per the Public Hospitals Act (Regulation 965) and KHSC policy. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between your academic institution and KHSC requires your institution to confirm that you meet all of the requirements as summarized below.

Prior to placement, the academic institution is required to confirm each student/learner meets the requirements below. KHSC may require the academic institution to provide proof of vaccination/immunity.

Note- Where there is a medical contraindication to any of the required vaccinations listed below or there is a bona fide exemption under the Human Rights Code based on a protected ground, documentation will be required and our ability to safely accommodate any approved exemption will be assessed.

REQUIRED for Students/Learners

☐ **TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING:** (A history of BCG vaccination is not a contraindication to TB skin testing)

- a) A 2-step TB skin test is required, unless you have had:
 - a documented previous two-step skin test, OR
 - a documented negative single-step TB skin test within the last 12 months,
in which case a one-step TB skin test is required.
- b) You are also required to have an updated single-step TB skin test completed, no more than 3 months before your start date at KHSC.
- c) For individuals who are known to be tuberculin positive, or for those who are tuberculin skin test positive when tested in (a) above, further assessment should be done which may include: a chest radiograph (depending on when last done), evaluation by the individual's health care provider to rule out active disease, and/or a negative Interferon Gold Test.

☐ **MEASLES IMMUNITY-** only the following is accepted as proof of immunity:

- documentation of having received 2 doses of measles vaccine (MMR) on or after the first birthday, OR
- laboratory evidence (bloodwork) confirming immunity to measles

☐ **MUMPS IMMUNITY-** only the following is accepted as proof of immunity:

- documentation of having received 2 doses of mumps vaccine (MMR) on or after the first birthday, OR
- laboratory evidence (bloodwork) confirming immunity to mumps

☐ **RUBELLA IMMUNITY-** only the following is accepted as proof of immunity:

- documentation of having received 1 dose of rubella (MMR) vaccine on or after the first birthday, OR
- laboratory evidence (bloodwork) confirming immunity to rubella

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☐ **VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX) IMMUNITY-** only the following is accepted as proof of immunity:

- Documentation of having received 2 doses of varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday, OR
- Laboratory evidence (bloodwork) confirming immunity of varicella

Note- in cases where the individual has not had chicken pox or is uncertain, they should be screened through bloodwork; if non-immune, they should be immunized with the varicella vaccine.

☐ **PERTUSSIS IMMUNITY-** only the following is accepted as proof of immunity:

- immunization as an adult (≥ 18 years of age) with one dose of Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria acellular pertussis)

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for Student/Learners:

- ☐ Up-to-date COVID-19 vaccine
- ☐ Up-to-date Influenza vaccination

RECOMMENDED for some Students/Learners

- 1) Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for students/learners at risk of exposure to blood/body fluids while on placement. This involves completing the full Hepatitis B vaccine series followed by post vaccination bloodwork to confirm the presence of Hepatitis B antibodies.

☐ **HEPATITIS B IMMUNITY-** full vaccination with laboratory evidence (bloodwork) verifying immunity for Hepatitis B

- 2) MLT students/learners should receive a quadrivalent meningococcal A,C,Y,W-135 conjugate vaccine or 4CMenB vaccine or both, if they will be routinely exposed to preparations or cultures of *N. meningitidis* (i.e. some microbiology MLTs).

☐ **MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION**

- 3) **Respirator (N95) Clearance** (only if applicable to the placement):

In cases where students/learners may interact with patients who are on airborne precautions (e.g. tuberculosis), they must don an N95 respirator. To do so, the CSA standard requires the user to have been fit-tested, trained, and medically cleared for respirator usage. The educational institution is responsible for ensuring students/learners meet these requirements; KGH does not provide respirator fit testing or training to students/learners.

The following N95 respirators are available for use at KHSC: **3M 1860, 3M 1860S, and 3M 1870+**