

# TTUHSC Health Surveillance Program

## Volunteers

### I. Tuberculosis Surveillance

Tuberculosis surveillance for Covered Individuals is based on current U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommendations and Reports (December 30, 2005, 54 (#RR-17):1-147), Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings.*

#### (a) New Volunteer Orientation

- (1) Any volunteer at TTUHSC is required to have documentation of a TST (tuberculin skin test) having been performed within the last 12 months, regardless of a history of BCG vaccine.
- (2) Any volunteer who has never received a TST (tuberculin skin test), tested negative prior to the last twelve month "window" must undergo (2-step) testing.
- (3) Any volunteer with documentation of a positive TB skin test shall provide a report from a physician indicating that a chest x-ray taken within the previous 12 months was negative for TB or must have chest x-ray performed and read before starting any patient related activities. An annual TB questionnaire must also be completed.

#### (b) Cost Responsibilities

- (1) Costs for baseline TB skin test will be coordinated through the volunteer service program on each each campus and billed back to volunteer services or volunteer representative at each campus.
- (2) Cost for chest x-ray, if required based on TB skin test results will be borne by the volunteer
- (3) Any volunteer with a positive TB skin test shall be referred to the Texas Department of State Health Services. All follow up and treatment documentation will be maintained by the local health departments

#### (c) Record Maintenance

Records shall be received, validated, and maintained by the volunteer manager as per *HSC OP 10.28*

### II. Immunizations

Immunization requirements are based on regulations, guidelines and recommendations available as of October, 2009 from the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the U.S. Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). See attached CDC *Healthcare Worker Vaccination Recommendations (2009)*.

#### (a) Volunteer Orientation

- (1) All volunteers are required to provide documentations of immunization based on the recommendations listed above prior to beginning their volunteer services.

#### (b) Cost Responsibility

- (1) Cost of all immunizations prior to volunteer services will be borne by the volunteer

(c) Record Maintenance

(1) All records concerning immunizations will be maintained by the volunteer manager as per *HSC OP 10.28*

**III. Exposure Management**

Institutional management of exposure to: (1) blood-borne pathogens, (2) body fluids and, (3) other miscellaneous exposures is based on regulations, guidelines and recommendations available as of October, 2009 from the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

(a) Post- Exposure Management

(1) Volunteers who have a known or suspected exposure to an infectious disease during the performance of a volunteer responsibility shall report that incident promptly to their immediate supervisor, fill out a "Non Employee Injury/Incident Report", and seek immediate care from the Health Surveillance Unit on each campus.

(b) Cost Responsibility

(1) Cost of exposure investigation and appropriate management (if indicated) including, medication administration, vaccination, blood work, and counseling shall be provided to volunteers based on orders and recommendations from the Health Surveillance Unit and paid through the volunteer service program.

(c) Record Maintenance

(1) All records concerning exposure management will be maintained by the volunteer manager as per *HSC OP 10.28*