

Dear New Employee,

Welcome to the OEH!

The Employee Health department is responsible for the health and wellbeing of hospital staff. Part of this is through the monitoring of immunization records and administration of immunizations when needed. Hospital employees are at risk of exposure to communicable diseases due to their contact with patients or materials from individuals, both diagnosed and undiagnosed. The Canadian Immunization Guide recommends all health care workers have the following:

- 1. Tetanus within the last ten (10) years with one dose of Acellular Pertussis in adult years.
- 2. Two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella OR serology showing immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella OR laboratory confirmation of disease.
- 3. Two (2) doses of Varicella OR serology showing immunity OR documentation showing a health care provider diagnosis of varicella or herpes zoster.
- 4. Documentation of Hepatitis B series with serology showing immunity.
- 5. Documentation of a two-step Tuberculin skin test. If there is a history of receiving BCG vaccine or history of a positive Tuberculin skin test, then a documentation of a chest x-ray with results is required.
- 6. Yearly Influenza vaccination.

Please contact Employee Health to provide consent to receive your Immunization Records. Identify which Public Health Office (ex. Charlottetown) and/or which post-secondary institution you received your vaccinations. If you have a current copy of your immunization record, please send a copy to Employee Health.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Employee Health at QEHemployeehealth@ihis.org or call 902-894-2045.

Thank you,

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