

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE**  
**IMMUNIZATION STATUS**  
**May be completed by a PHYSICIAN or PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY**

**All Residents MUST return this completed form and supporting serological information, where relevant. This is MANDATORY.**

The information collected will be retained in your permanent record.

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### **Guidance to Interpreting Immunization and TST Requirements**

**Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (Whooping Cough):** Will have completed a primary series of 3 doses of a combined tetanus, pertussis, and diphtheria vaccine preparation and booster within the last 10 years unless contraindicated. For adults who have not had a dose of acellular pertussis vaccine, a dT booster should be replaced by the dTap vaccine.

**Polio:** Will have completed a primary series of 3 doses of either oral polio vaccine or inactivated polio vaccine unless contraindicated. Booster doses are not routinely recommended. If vaccination is required, use only inactivated polio vaccine.

**Measles (Rubeola):** Consider immune if born before 1957 *or* if born after 1957 with evidence of 2 doses of a live measles-containing vaccine *or* physician-diagnosed measles *or* documentation of measles IgG. If non-immune requires 2 doses of MMR unless contraindicated.

**Mumps:** Consider immune if born before 1957 *or* if born after 1957 with evidence of 2 doses of a live mumps- containing vaccine *or* laboratory-diagnosed mumps *or* documentation of mumps IgG. If non-immune requires 2 doses of MMR unless contraindicated.

**Rubella:** Consider immune with evidence of 2 doses of a live rubella-containing vaccine *or* documentation of rubella IgG. If non-immune requires 2 doses of MMR unless contraindicated.

**Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) is required by all residents:** A 2-step Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) must have been completed. It is also a requirement for placement at the Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation, Saint John, New Brunswick, and they require that the 2-step TST be done within a 12 month period as noted on the attached form. BCG vaccine is no longer recommended. If there is a documented prior positive TST, previous treatment for active TB or previous treatment for latent TB, a TST is not required, in which case a medical evaluation and a chest X-ray within 1 year (if asymptomatic) are required.

**Hepatitis B:** Consider “immune” with:

- 1) Evidence of 3 doses of HBV-containing vaccine given at 0, 1 and 6 months and one documented Hepatitis B surface antibody (HBsAb) test done between 4 to 6 weeks after third dose that confirms immunity to Hepatitis B
- OR-**
- 2) A positive Hepatitis B surface (HBsAb) and/or core antibody (HBcAb) test that is the result of Hepatitis B infection. If non-immune, the resident requires 3 doses of HBV-containing vaccine given at 0, 1 and 6 months (unless contraindicated) with HBsAb testing done 4-6 weeks after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose. Individuals testing HBsAb negative several years after receiving the primary series may receive one booster followed by post-vaccine serology to determine responder status. Non-responders should be immunized with a second 3-dose series unless contraindicated and serologic testing repeated.

An individual who tests positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) must be reported to the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, as per the University’s Communicable Infectious Disease policy.

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** Consider immune with evidence of self-reported history of varicella or shingles, *or* physician-diagnosed varicella or shingles *or* documentation of VZV IgG *or* 1 dose (if given before age 13 years) *or* 2 doses given at least 1 month apart (if given after age 13 years) of live varicella vaccine. If non-immune, requires 2 doses of live varicella vaccine at least 1 month apart unless contraindicated.

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**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergic To:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>PART 1: IMMUNIZATIONS</u></b>	<b>Date of primary immunization</b> DD/MM/YYYY	<b>Date of Subsequent Immunization</b> DD/MM/YYYY
<b>DIPHTHERIA-TETANUS- PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough)</b> <i>(Must be renewed within the last 10 years). Please ensure that your last diphtheria &amp; tetanus booster included PERTUSSIS (dTap).</i>		
<b>POLIO</b>		
<b>MEASLES (Rubeola)</b>		
<b>MUMPS</b>		
<b>RUBELLA</b>		
<b>VARICELLA (Chicken Pox)</b> - <i>If you have not had chickenpox, then you must have your VZV titre checked. If no immunity then you must have the varicella vaccine.</i>		
<b>HEPATITIS B</b> - <i>List dates of shots and send proof of sero conversion blood test (surface antibody) result and HBsAG status</i>		
<b>INFLUENZA</b> – <i>The annual Flu Shot is mandatory in New Brunswick and proof of receiving it must be provided on request during Flu season.</i>		

**IMMUNIZATION FORM CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE - BOTH PAGES MUST BE COMPLETED**

