

## Vaccinations Required for Admittance to the Dental Hygiene Program

1. **TB Test:** Get a TB skin test, TB Blood Test, or TB Chest X-ray after January 1 of the year of application. If you are unable to get a TB skin test, then you must get a TB blood test or chest x-ray. The documentation must be included in the application packet.

2. **Hepatitis B Shots:** Most applicants are presenting with documentation showing they received the Hepatitis B 3-shot series as a baby. If you received the Hepatitis B shots as a baby, then you must get a **Hepatitis B Titer blood test**. The Hepatitis B titer will show if you have an immunity to Hepatitis B. This is what we need to know. We do not need to know if you have Hepatitis B. If the results of the titer come back positive, then you do not need to do anything further. If the results come back negative, then you must start the 3-shot series over. It will take 6 months to receive the series. You will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> shot the 1<sup>st</sup> month, the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> shot the 6<sup>th</sup> month. When applying to the program, **you must complete your 3-shot series before February 1st, or you could be disqualified for not providing a complete file. There is also a 2-dose injection that is given 4-8 weeks apart for adolescents and adults who are 13 years in age or older.**

If you started the Hepatitis B 3-shot series after you were older, then you must get the Hepatitis B titer if it has been over 10 years since you received the last shot in the Hepatitis B 3-shot series.

There is another Hepatitis B blood test that tests for Hepatitis B surface Antigens (HBsAg) Antibodies. This test will tell you if you have Hepatitis B. **DO NOT** get this blood test. This is the wrong blood test. You need the **Hepatitis B Titer blood test to show if you have an immunity to Hepatitis B.**

3. **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** The applicant will show documentation that he/she has received 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. If you have not had the varicella vaccine, then you must get a varicella titer (blood test). If the results are positive, then you do nothing. If the results are negative, then you must get the 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine and provide documentation in your application packet. If you have had the chicken pox, then you need to get the varicella titer blood test. If the results are positive, then you do nothing. If the results are negative, then you are required to have the varicella 2-dose vaccine.

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4. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** Applicant must show documentation that he/she had the 2- shot series (the shots must be at least 28 days apart). If the applicant did not have the 2 shots as an infant, then an MMR titer (blood test) must be taken. If the results come back negative, then the applicant will have to get the 2 shot series again. Keep in mind the series of shots must be completed before the application deadline and documentation must be included in the application packet.

5. **T-dap Shot:** The applicant must have had a T-dap shot within the last 10 years of application to the Dental Hygiene Program. If the T-dap shot is over 10 years old, the applicant must get another shot and include documentation in the application packet.

6. **Influenza (Flu) Shot:** This shot is optional

7. **Meningitis Shot:** The applicant must have a meningitis shot if the applicant's age is under 22 years.

**If you have any questions, contact the Dental Hygiene Department before going to your physician. The telephone number is 432-264-5065.**