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All Houston Fire Department (HFD) applicants ***shall*** submit copies of the following immunization/test records to the HFD Infection Control Office either in person or via fax **(832-394-6890)**. The HFD Infection Control Office can be reached by telephone at 832-394-6802 or 832-394-6846.

Hepatitis B

- Non-Certified Applicants—Must submit proof of at least two (2) Hepatitis B vaccines. The series should be in compliance with an approved CDC immunization schedule.
- Certified Applicants—Must submit proof of a complete Hepatitis B vaccine series. A typical series consists of three vaccines. The series should be in compliance with CDC immunization schedule.
- If any applicant has received the complete Hepatitis B series and the records are not accessible, an accredited lab report confirming a Hepatitis B **quantitative** titer (blood draw) greater than or equal to 10 MIU/mL is acceptable. The doctor or clinic should order a Quantitative Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (HbsAb). Any other blood test for Hepatitis B will not meet this requirement. If the test is negative, or shows that the applicant is not immune, then proof of vaccination (see above) is required.

Tetanus, Diptheria and Pertussis (Tdap)

All applicants must submit proof of an ADULT dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccine (abbreviated as Tdap). If the applicant has proof of a Tdap vaccine that was administered **greater than five (5) years** prior to the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements, he/she shall also provide proof of any adult Tetanus vaccine (can be Td or Tdap) within the past five (5) years.

TB Skin Test (TST/PPD)—

All applicants must submit proof of approved TB testing completed within six (6) months of the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements. In order for the testing to be valid, the applicant must be able to provide documented results.

- Approved TB testing can be either of the following:
  a) Two-step TB skin testing- Two-step testing consists of **two** (2) separate TB skin tests. The first and second tests must be placed no more than one (1) year and no less than seven (7) days apart. The second test must be placed within six (6) months of the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements.
  b) TB Blood Test- Applicants must provide an accredited lab report for testing dated within six (6) months of the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements.

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- Applicants with a new positive result or a history of testing positive for TB shall provide the results of a negative chest x-ray dated within six (6) months of the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements. Applicants without documentation of a positive result on either a skin test or a blood test cannot submit a chest X-ray to meet TB requirements.
- Applicants with a positive chest x-ray within the past six (6) months shall provide written documentation from his/her physician attesting to non-communicability.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

All applicants must submit proof of two (2) doses of the MMR vaccine.

- Each dose must be ***at least*** 28 days apart.
- If the applicant has received two doses of MMR and the records are not accessible, a titer (blood draw) from an accredited lab confirming immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella is an acceptable substitute for proof of vaccination. The doctor or clinic should order an IgG for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella antibodies. If the test is negative, or show that the applicant is not immune, then proof two (2) doses of MMR vaccine is required.
- MMR vaccine is a live virus vaccine and can interfere with other live virus vaccines (Varicella) and TB testing. Any applicant needing to receive an MMR vaccine to meet hiring requirements should contact Infection Control for assistance in scheduling their vaccinations.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

All applicants must submit proof of immunity to Varicella.

- Applicants who have had chickenpox or shingles can have a titer (blood draw) from an accredited lab confirming immunity to Varicella. This test can only reliably show immunity for applicants who have a history of the disease. We do not recommend that applicants who only have a history of vaccination use a blood draw to prove immunity, as the test will most likely come back negative. The doctor or clinic should order an IgG for Varicella antibodies.
- Applicants who have a negative titer or no history of disease need proof of two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine. Each dose of varicella vaccine ***must*** be at least 28 days apart.
- Varicella vaccine is a live virus vaccine and can interfere with other live virus vaccines (MMR) and TB testing. Any applicant needing to receive a Varicella vaccine to meet hiring requirements should contact Infection Control for assistance in scheduling their vaccinations.

Proof of these immunizations/tests will be required prior to the applicant receiving a conditional job offer. Conditional job offers are issued by HFD recruiters.

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Houston Area Clinics

Clinic Name, Address & Phone		Hours	Hep-B	Hep-B Titer	Tetanus-Diptheria (Td)	TDaP	TB Test (TST)	Chest X-Ray	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	Varicella	Varicella Titer
Harris County Health (4 Clinics)											
1730 Humble Place Dr. (Humble)	1000 Lee Drive (Baytown)	Appt. Only Call: (713)212-6800	$15	---	---	$15	$5	----	$15	---	---
5815 Antoine, Suite A (Houston)	3737 Red Bluff Road (Pasadena)	M-F 8a-5p									
Concentra Medical Centers (10 Locations)											
(713)223-0838	2004 Leeland	M-F 8a-5p	$70	$76	$43	$81	?	$61	$75	$117	----
Occucare											
(713)802-0801	5151 Katy Fwy #170 (@ TC Jester)	M-F 8a-5p	$75	$15	$50	$60	$18	$30	$80	$120	$40
Passport Health Houston (6 Locations)											
(713)467-6575	9601 Katy Fwy #250	M-F 9a-5p Hours May Vary Call for Appointment	$90	$60	$50	$75	$35	$75	$95	$140	$65
Express Family Clinic											
281-742-0624	610 Rayford Rd. #644	M-F 9a-6p	$25	$25	---	$20	$15	---	$20	$20	$25
Any Lab Test Now (Multiple Locations)											
(281) 888-5293	2282 W Holcombe Blvd.	M-F 8:30a-6:30p Sat 9a-3p									$49
(713) 869-5526	2902 N. Shepherd Dr., Suite E	M-F 8:30a-6:30p Sat 9a-3p									
(713) 266-7900	5901 Westheimer Rd, Suite W	M-F 8:30a-6:30p Sat 9a-3p									

This list is provided by HFD Infection Control as a reference. Immunizations and tests do not have to be performed at the above clinics.

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CALL AND VERIFY LOCATIONS, COSTS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

HFD APPLICANT

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EMS Headquarters
600 Jefferson, 8th Floor
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Fax

To: _____ From: _____

Fax: 832-394-6890 Pages: _____

Phone: 832-394-6846 Phone: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____

Additional Information Needed:

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Civil Service Rank: _____ Recruiter: _____ D.O.B. _____

Certified Fire/EMT or Non-Certified: _____

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