

CITY OF HOUSTON

Fire Department

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Immunization Requirements – Revised 01/03/17

All Houston Fire Department applicants **shall** submit copies of the following immunization/shot records to the HFD Infection Control Office in person, by fax (832) 394-6890 or by Email hfdinfectioncontrol@houstontx.gov. HFD Infection Control can be reached by telephone at (832) 394-6833 and (832) 394-6846. All immunizations must follow a CDC-approved schedule. All labs must be performed by accredited laboratories. 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.

Hepatitis B

Certified applicants must submit a completed Hep B series (usually 3 vaccines). Non-certified applicants must submit proof of at least 2 vaccines. **All vaccines must be given on a CDC approved schedule.** Hepatitis B vaccines **do NOT** expire. A positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer is accepted for both Certified and Non-Certified applicants. The titer must be quantitative- meaning that it shows a numerical result. If the titer is negative, or shows that the applicant is not immune, then appropriate proof of Hep B vaccination is required.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B Vaccine #1 | | <u>Non Certified</u> | | <u>Certified</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B Vaccine #2 | | • At least 2 Hepatitis B vaccines OR a positive titer. | | • At least 3 Hepatitis B vaccines OR a positive titer. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B Vaccine #3 (Certified Only) | | | | |

Or

- Positive Hepatitis B Titer (Blood Draw)

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)

All applicants must have an adult dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (TDaP). If the Tdap vaccine is older than 5 years, the applicant will need an updated tetanus vaccine (Td or Tdap).

- Tdap
- Must be an **ADULT** dose.
 - If your Tdap vaccine is older than 5 years, you will need a Tetanus booster. It can be either Td [tetanus and diphtheria] or Tdap.

ONLY IF TDAP IS OLDER THAN 5 YRS:

- Tetanus Booster within 5 Years

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

All applicants must submit proof immunity to MMR. Applicants can submit proof of 2 doses or MMR Vaccine, or have a titer (blood draw) to test for immunity. MMR vaccines **do NOT** expire. If the titer is negative, or shows that the applicant is not immune, then proof 2 doses of MMR vaccine is required.

- MMR Vaccine #1
- MMR Vaccine #2
- Each dose of MMR must be at least 28 days apart.
 - **MMR vaccine is a live virus vaccine and can interfere with other live virus vaccines (Varicella) and TB testing.** If you need MMR vaccine(s) **AND** Varicella vaccine(s) or TB testing please contact Infection Control for instructions.

Or

- Positive MMR titer (blood draw)

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

All applicants must submit proof of immunity to Varicella. Applicants with no history of chickenpox will need proof of 2 doses of Varicella Vaccine. Varicella vaccines do **NOT** expire. Applicants who have had chickenpox 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. If the titer is negative, or shows that the applicant is not immune, then proof of 2 doses of Varicella vaccine is required.

- Varicella Vaccine #1
- Varicella Vaccine #2

Or

- Positive Varicella titer (Blood Draw)

- Each dose of Varicella 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.** If you need Varicella vaccine(s) **AND** MMR vaccine(s) or TB testing please contact Infection Control for instructions.

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing

All Applicants must submit proof of approved TB testing (skin test or blood) completed within the last 6 months. **If positive, students must submit chest X-ray interpretation and shall provide written documentation from his/her physician attesting to non-communicability.**

- Negative TB skin test #1
- Negative TB skin test #2

Or

- Negative TB blood test

Skin Test

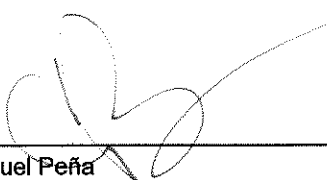
- Test #1 and Test #2 must be placed:
No more than one 1 year apart.
No less than 7 days apart.
- Test #2 must be within 6 months of the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements.

TB Blood Test

- Must be within 6 months of the completion of the applicant's immunization requirements.

ONLY IF TEST IS POSITIVE:

- Negative Chest X-ray



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