TTUHSC Health Surveillance Program

Volunteers

I. Tuberculosis Surveillance


(a) New Volunteer Orientation

(1) Any volunteer with direct patient care will undergo a 2-Step TB skin test (TST) of IGRA as determined by the Health Surveillance Unit on each campus.

   a) New converters on a TB skin test (TST) or positive IGRA testing results should be referred to the Texas Department of State Health Services for follow up including but not limited to the treatment of Latent Tuberculosis. Any follow up or treatment will be coordinated and documented by the local health departments or their treating physician.

(2) Any volunteer with direct patient care with documentation of a positive TB skin test (TST) or IGRA testing shall provide a report from a physician indicating that a chest x-ray taken within the last 6 months was negative for active tuberculosis. A TB questionnaire must also be completed at this time.

(b) Cost Responsibilities

(1) Costs for baseline TB skin test or IGRA will be borne by the volunteer

(2) Cost for chest x-ray, if required based on testing results will be borne by the volunteer

(3) Any volunteer with a positive TB skin test shall be referred to the Texas Department of State Health Services. All follow up and treatment documentation will be maintained by the local Health departments

(c) Record Maintenance

Records shall be received, validated, and maintained by the volunteer manager as per HSC OP 10.28.

II. Immunizations

Immunization recommendations are based on regulations, guidelines and recommendations available from the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the U.S. Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). See Attachment E - CDC Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations (2015).

(a) Volunteer Orientation

(1) All volunteers must provide documentation of immunization based on the recommendations listed above prior to beginning their volunteer services.
(b) Cost Responsibility

(1) Cost of all immunizations will be borne by the volunteer

(c) Record Maintenance

(1) All records concerning immunizations will be maintained by the volunteer manager and the designated health surveillance unit as per HSC OP 10.28.

III. Exposure Management

Institutional management of exposure to: (1) blood-borne pathogens, (2) body fluids and, (3) other miscellaneous exposures is based on regulations, guidelines and recommendations available as of June, 2012 from the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

(a) Post-Exposure Management

(1) Volunteers who have a known or suspected exposure to an infectious disease during the performance of a volunteer responsibility shall report that incident promptly to their immediate supervisor, fill out a “Non Employee Injury/Incident Report”, and seek immediate care from the Health Surveillance Unit on each campus.

(b) Cost Responsibility

(1) Cost of exposure investigation and appropriate management (if indicated) including; medication administration, vaccination, blood work, and counseling will be deferred to the volunteer’s physician of choice and all costs will be borne by the volunteer.