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| **Nursing Assistant Certified Vaccination Summary** |

**Tuberculosis (TB) - Screening**

This test is done annually. There are two options to fulfill the TB requirement.

**First option – 2 Step PPD**

Do a 1-step TB PPD (Purified Protein Derivative): The PPD test is completed by administration of a small amount of Tuberculin units (PPD) into the top layers of the skin of the forearm. The skin test is read in 48-72 hours after the
injection to determine if it is positive or negative.

To complete a 2-step, you must first complete a 1-step PPD. If it is negative, then you would obtain a second PPD within 1-3 weeks. If you already have completed a 2-step within the last year, please submit that documentation.

If you complete a PPD test and have a new positive result. You must provide the following:

* Positive TB test documentation and;
* Proof of chest x-ray within the past five years and;
* If your chest x-ray was over one year ago, you will need an updated symptom check letter from your provider.

If you have received the BCG vaccine, then It is recommended to do the TB blood titer and not the PPD as this may result in a false positive PPD.

**Second option – Blood Titer**

The tuberculosis (TB) blood Quantiferon Gold test, also called an Interferon Gamma Release Assay or
IGRA, is a way to find out if you have exposed to tuberculosis. The IGRA needs to have been completed in the last 12 months and cover the length of time of the NAC program. If results are a new positive, then it would require follow up with your provider and would require the following:

* Proof of chest x-ray within the past five years and;
* If your chest x-ray was over one year ago, you will need an updated symptom check letter from your provider.

**Chicken Pox (Varicella) Immunity**
Documentation needs to include administration of two doses of the Varicella vaccine or a positive titer. If the titer level is low, a provider may require a booster varicella vaccination.

**Get the 2-dose Varicella Vaccine if;**

* You have never been vaccinated and you have never had chicken pox.

**Get a Varicella Titer If;**

* You have been vaccinated but you do not have your previous records or
* You have had chicken pox.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis**

The Tdap protects susceptible patients you may be working with in the clinical setting.

**Get a Tdap Immunization if;**

* You have never had one.
* Your last Tdap was given over ten years ago.
* You don’t have your previous records.
* Your only Tdap vaccine was given before the age of 11.

Note: If you have had a Tdap vaccine given after the age of 11 and more than 10 years ago, you can do either a Tdap or a Td.

**Hepatitis B Immunity**

Hepatitis B vaccinations are recommended to protect the health care provider. This vaccine can be declined, but is not recommended. The requirement can be met by the following: Positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer, which should be drawn 30 days after completion of the Hepatitis vaccine series. The standard series is three vaccines or a new 2 dose product is available is some areas. Please discuss vaccine options with your provider.

**Have a titer drawn to prove immunity if;**

* You don’t have your previous records or don’t know if you’ve been immunized.
* You have completed the hepatitis series and are out 30 days from the last vaccine.

 **Sign and submit a Hepatitis declination waiver (Appendix F) if;**

* Your Hepatitis B series is not complete.
* You choose not to complete the series.

**Influenza Vaccination**

Influenza Vaccinations are required to protect patients in the clinical setting. Applicants need to show proof of vaccination during the influenza season. The influenza season is from August 31st to June 30th each year. If you are entering the program between June 30th – August 31st this vaccination is not required. If a student chooses not be vaccinated, they are required to complete an Influenza declination form. Non-vaccinated individuals are at risk of acquiring influenza or of transmitting this serious disease to others. All students who submit declination forms will be required to wear a mask at all times during all clinical rotations. Clinical sites may decline to have unvaccinated students in their health care environment or mandate additional clinical personal protective equipment. If this happens the college is under no obligation to identify alternative sites that will accept a student’s vaccination declination form.

 **Sign and submit an Influenza declination waiver (Appendix G) if;**

* You choose not to complete the vaccination.

**Mumps, Measles & Rubella Immunity**

This requirement can be met by documentation showing completion of a 2 dose vaccination series for MMR or positive immunity blood titers drawn for all three (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella).

**Get the Two-Dose Vaccination If;**

* You have never been vaccinated.
* You have a titer drawn and it comes back negative.

**Have titers drawn to prove immunity for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella If;**

* You don’t have your previous records.
* You don’t know if you’ve been immunized.

**COVID-19**
You need to show proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19. TCC requires that all students and faculty obtain the full dosage of COVID-19 Vaccine to significantly reduce the risk of infection and/or severity of illness. In addition, healthcare partners are requiring students to be fully vaccinated prior to participation in a clinical placement at their sites.

**The most common are as follows:**

* 2 dose series of Moderna or Pfizer vaccination or;
* 1 dose of Janssen.

*Note: your provider may offer other approved COVID-19 vaccinations.*

**You can only decline the COVID-19 vaccination based on one of the following conditions:**

* Medical exemption (Appendix A).
* Religious exemption Form 1 (Appendix B) and Form 2 (Appendix C).

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