

Occupational Health & Safety Services Questions and Answers - Health Screening Process

1. **Q** – Where can I go to obtain documentation of my previous immunization, TB testing & serology?

A – Family doctor, medical school records, student health services, public health unit where you attended school, Occupational Health & Safety Services at the hospital where you are a current affiliate.

Health documentation may include:

- Vaccination records from yellow immunization cards;
- Notes from physician's offices
- Immigration records
- Public Health Unit Records
- Electronic immunization records (provided they are signed by a physician or nurse)
- Laboratory testing (titres)
- Student Health Records

2. **Q** – Should I complete all my health screening requirements prior to the commencement of my primary appointment or start date?

A – Yes.

MUST: complete all health requirements prior to start date.

- Clinical Fellows
- Professional Staff
- Resident
- Visiting Elective

3. **Q** – Where can I get my immunization updated and/or TB skin testing done? ahead of time, or before my start date?

A – Family doctor, medical school records, student health services, Occupational Health & Safety Services at the hospital where you are a current affiliate.

4. **Q – What is the process for TB skin testing?**

TB testing can be a one-step or two step process depending on your TB screening history.

A – You must be available to come back for the follow-up read or test.

I. One step process

- Visit 1 – to have your first test
- Visit 2 – to have your first test read (must be back to the clinic 48 to 72 hours after the first test)

II. 2-Step process

- Visit 1 – to have your first test
- Visit 2 – to have your first test read (must be back to the clinic 48 to 72 hours after the first test)
- Visit 3 – to have your second test (given 7-21 days after the first test)
- Visit 4 – to have your second test read (must be back to the clinic 48 to 72 hours after the second)

NOTE: IGRA results are not accepted as an alternative to the TB skin test. A baseline two-step TB skin test is a requirement in accordance with the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocols for Ontario Hospitals.

5. **Q – Where do I go if I require help in completing my health screen requirements?**

A – Depends on your position and start date. See below for additional information.

Residents & Visiting Electives:

- As a primary rule, for communicating to medical affairs, about whether or not your screening requirements have been met, all residents and visiting electives are cleared by the Nurse in Occupational Health & Safety Services (OHSS) at Victoria Hospital. However; for the sake of convenience, you may be directed to complete testing or immunization at another site. This will be coordinated by the Team Assistant at Victoria Hospital, Room E1-402. Email: ohss-medicalaffairs@lhsc.on.ca
- Residents with a start date that is not July 1 are directed to contact Occupational Health and Safety Services, Team Assistant at Victoria Hospital, Room E1-402. Email: ohss-medicalaffairs@lhsc.on.ca

Clinical Fellows:

LHSC

- As a primary rule, for communicating to medical affairs about whether or not your screening requirements have been met, all clinical fellows are cleared by the Nurse in Occupational Health & Safety Services (OHSS) at Victoria Hospital. However; for the sake of convenience, you may be directed to complete testing or immunization at another site. This will be coordinated by the Team Assistant at Victoria Hospital, Room E1-402. Email: ohss-medicalaffairs@lhsc.on.ca

- Clinical Fellows are directed to contact Occupational Health & Safety Services (OHSS), Team Assistant at Victoria Hospital, Room E1-402. Email: ohss-medicalaffairs@lhsc.on.ca

St. Joseph's Healthcare

- St. Joseph's Clinical Fellows with a start date that is not July 1 are directed to go to or contact Occupational Health at St. Joseph's Hospital. See St. Joseph's contact information.

Professional Staff:

- LHSC Professional Staff are directed to contact Occupational Health and Safety Services, Team Assistant at Victoria Hospital, Room E1-402. Email: ohss-medicalaffairs@lhsc.on.ca
- St. Joseph's Professional Staff are directed to go to/contact Occupational Health at St. Joseph's Hospital. See contact information below.

6. **Q** – Where should I send my completed Citywide Health screen Form & documentation?
A – This depends on your position and the location of your primary Appointment:
 - **LHSC**, submit the City Wide Health Screen Form and ALL supporting documentation by fax, email or general mail To Victoria Hospital, Room E1-402. (See below for contact information).
 - **St. Joseph's**, for professional staff and clinical fellows submit the City Wide Health Screen Form and ALL supporting documentation by fax, email or general mail to St. Joseph's Hospital (See below for contact information).
7. **Q** – I have had a positive TB skin test in the past. Is there anything more I need to provide in this regard?
A – Please refer to the TB skin test section on the *CITY WIDE HEALTH SCREEN FORM*.
8. **Q** – If I had BCG as a child or infant, and never been TB skin tested, should I have a TB test?
A – Yes, The tuberculin skin test (TST) to detect TB infection is not contraindicated for persons who have been vaccinated with BCG.
9. **Q** – I had a chest X-ray done for immigration purposes and there was no problem. Do I have to have another chest X-Ray?
A – Yes, another chest X-ray is required and should be taken after the positive TB skin test.

10. **Q** – What is N95Fit Testing?

A – An N95 Respirator Mask Fit Test is conducted to ensure the respirator is properly fitted to an individual's face type to provide the safest protection. Anyone with a requirement to wear an N95 respirator, due to their job duties, must complete a Fit Test, prior to wearing/using the N95 respirator as mandated by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

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