



Health Screening for Volunteers

The University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UMBWMC) follows the Centers for Disease Control's Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations and Tuberculosis Screening Recommendations. These guidelines are followed for all personnel who work or volunteer within the hospital.

UMBWMC views the vaccination of its healthcare workers and volunteers as an important component of its overall patient and employee safety program. All testing and vaccinations must be complete, or a declination form provided and witnessed by Employee Occupational Health Services (EOHS) must be signed, before any person can be cleared to volunteer inside the hospital. If signing a declination, additional documentation and/or paperwork is required.

The guidelines for volunteers are as follows (4):

MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella): Those without proof of prior vaccination will have a blood sample taken (i.e. titer) to determine immunity. If no immunity, volunteer will receive 2 doses of the MMR vaccine given 4 weeks apart.

Varicella: Those without proof of prior vaccination will have a blood sample taken (i.e. titer) to determine immunity. If no immunity, volunteer will receive 2 doses of the varicella vaccine given 4 weeks apart.

TB (PPD) testing: Two skin tests for tuberculosis are required. For those without a history of a positive skin test, a tuberculin skin test will be placed and read 48-72 hours later. If that test is negative, another test will be placed at least 7 days after the first test and also read 48-72 hours later. For those with a history of a positive tuberculin skin test, contact EOHS to find out next steps.

Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: UMBWMC's policy is to provide an annual seasonal influenza vaccine to all volunteers. Volunteers failing to comply with the policy by the due date will not be eligible to continue in a volunteer capacity until such time they have reconciled their status. The annual seasonal influenza vaccination will be offered at no cost to UMBWMC volunteers if given by EOHS. All volunteers must provide a copy of the influenza vaccine documentation annually to the Auxiliary/Volunteer Services office ***even if*** the influenza vaccine was given by EOHS.

What's my first step? Volunteers need to set-up an appointment with Employee Occupational Health Services (EOHS). During the first appointment, the volunteer will fill out health paperwork, start any required vaccinations, provide vaccination documentation if available, and/or file a declination form with the required paperwork/documentation. EOHS's office is located on the lower level of the hospital, and the office hours are Monday-Friday from 7am-4pm. EOHS is closed on weekends and holidays, and will not place PPD skin tests (see "TB (PPD) testing") on Thursdays. Volunteers should make an appointment with EOHS by calling 410-787-4288. EOHS Fax Number: 410-787-4870. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT, call EOHS at 410-787-4288** and let them know.

Minors will need their legal guardian's permission, and the legal guardian must be present during any vaccination process.

Information about contraindications and side effects will be provided in EOHS.

The information gathered on the volunteer candidate will be kept in a confidential medical record in EOHS. The volunteer and their legal guardian (if the volunteer is a minor) can get copies of any testing or vaccine given.