

# Interior Health Authority (IHA)

## Instructions for Obtaining Recommended Vaccinations and/or Tests

### Step 1: Vaccination appointment booking

The following vaccinations can be received by appointment through your Community Pharmacist **free of charge**. Please note there may be delays in receiving vaccinations from pharmacies due to COVID-19 and the flu season.

- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Td (Tetanus and Diphtheria)
- IPV (Polio)
- VZ (Varicella/Chickenpox)

#### **IF Hepatitis B vaccines are recommended:**

These vaccines can be received by appointment through the Travel Medicine & Vaccination Centre at 1-888-288-8682 or possibly through your local pharmacist.

- A fee for the vaccine will be charged.
- This can be reimbursed through Interior Health using the TEER form. **IF** Hepatitis B is recommended, please refer to the IHA Hepatitis B Referral Form.

**Print a copy of your employee vaccine & immunity status report and bring it to your appointment, so the vaccinator will know what is recommended.**

### Step 2: New hire TB screening

#### **TB Skin Tests:**

- Only TB skin tests within the past 6 months are accepted. MMR and/or chickenpox vaccines can potentially affect TB skin test results. TB skin testing should be completed on the same day MMR and/or chickenpox vaccines are given or delayed for at least 4 weeks.
- Please refer to the directions in your new hire package; the memorandum regarding reporting your TB screening status outlines where to have this done. **Note:** TB screening is available through most Travel Medicine and Vaccination Centers (TMVC) and possibly through your local Public Health Units.

#### **TB Chest X-Rays:**

- Only Chest X-Ray results within the last 1 year are accepted.
- Please call your local Public Health Office to arrange an appointment with a Public Health Nurse to provide TB Screening and provision of a TB Chest X-Ray requisition.
- You can then take the requisition to your hospital or Interior Health Diagnostic Imaging lab to complete the Chest X-Ray.

### Step 3: Report your vaccinations/tests

- If you have vaccination/test updates or records, please submit them using the Vaccination Status Self-Reporting tool at: <https://healthandsafety.healthcarebc.ca/> by selecting the “**Existing Employee**” option.

- **Note:** If your COVID-19 vaccine was given outside of BC, please use the link: <https://immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/> to register your COVID-19 vaccine into the Provincial Immunization Registry (please use Chrome or Edge).
- If your COVID-19 vaccines are not showing on your vaccination report, please contact the [OHNS@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:OHNS@interiorhealth.ca) to discuss.

## Step 4: Self-look-up report

- To access your employee vaccination & immunity status, refer to the self-look-up report by selecting the link: [IHA](#) or by copying the link: <https://ohsbi.phsa.ca/sites/iha/OHS/WMO05003.rdl> (please use Chrome or Edge).
- Your self-look-up report is only accessible from the health organization networks.

## Step 5: IF lab tests are recommended

**If lab tests have been recommended for you, please follow up with a Health Care Provider (HCP) to discuss post-vaccine testing.**

- **NOTE:** If you have had a previous Reactive (Immune) Hepatitis B titre (blood test), please contact the Provincial Workplace Health Contact Centre (PWHCC) to discuss this with a nurse before following the above instructions.
- Please follow up with your HCP for your titre results to determine if further vaccinations may be recommended.

**If you are unable to access the online reporting tool or have vaccination questions or concerns, please contact the Provincial Workplace Health Contact Centre (PWHCC) Nursing Team by email at: [HH@WHCallCentre.ca](mailto:HH@WHCallCentre.ca)**