Immunization Verification Form for Holland College Healthcare Programs

(To be considered current, this form must be completed within 12 months prior to the start date of the Program.)

Student Name: ___________________________ Phone No: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Month/Year of Birth: ____________ / ____________

Please send this completed form to Holland College Admissions Office prior to the program start-date.

The immunization requirements described on this FORM were accurate at time you obtained the FORM from the College. The College has no control over requirements established by clinical and work placement sites. Requirements may be changed at the discretion of the worksite and the worksite has the right to deem any record as not acceptable. If you have any questions, call the Health and Community Studies Department at 1.902.566.9672.

*NOTE: Students in the Paramedicine Programs must also provide immunization records that show dates and other immunization details for some clinical placements. This record should be obtained from the healthcare official(s) when this form is being completed.

The following guidelines for immunization of adults who will be working in health care settings in Canada have been derived from the Canadian Immunization Guide and the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards. See page two for further details.

This form is to be completed by a physician or public health official following an examination of the immunization records of the above applicant.

Meet requirements

1. Tetanus-diphtheria vaccine every 10-years. Individuals with direct patient contact should receive acellular pertussis (whooping cough) combined with that vaccine on one occasion during adulthood. Yes ☐

2. Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) – two doses of vaccine required by all individuals born after 1970. Yes ☐

3. Varicella vaccine – two doses required if not immune (by titre/seronegativity) or with no history of chickenpox disease. Yes ☐

4. Hepatitis B vaccine for individuals. This is a series of three doses prior to starting the program. Immunity by means of titre is required. Yes ☐

5. Tuberculosis screening within one year of program start date if no recent record of health care related baseline screening is available. (Individual MUST have had a two-step protocol performed once.) Yes ☐

It is recommended that students enrolling in Holland College Healthcare programs be immunized annually with the influenza vaccine. If applicable, please indicate the last date of influenza immunization: ___________________________

Physician or Public Health official declaration:
After an examination of the immunization records of the individual named above, it is my opinion that the “student” meets the guidelines listed above.

Signature (Physician/Public Health): ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Physician/Public Health Contact Information: (Please Print)
Name: ___________________________ Business Phone No: ___________________________
Clinic/Office Business Address: ___________________________
Rationale:
Health care workers (HCWs), including hospital employees, other staff who work or study in hospitals (e.g., students in health care disciplines and contract workers), and other health care personnel (e.g., those working in clinical laboratories, nursing homes and home care agencies) are at risk of exposure to communicable diseases because of their contact with patients or material from individuals with infections, both diagnosed and undiagnosed. (Canadian Immunization Guide, 2015 – present. Part Three. Immunization of Health Care Workers  https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/canadian-immunization-guide.html)

The importance of proper baseline tuberculin skin testing (TST) for all potentially exposed HCWs in all health care settings cannot be overemphasized. At the time of employment, many workers may already be TST positive because of prior exposure, particularly HCWs born or previously residing in countries with high TB incidence workers who may have been exposed and infected before moving to Canada. The two-step protocol needs to be performed ONCE only if properly performed and documented. It never needs to be repeated. Any subsequent TST can be one step, regardless of how long it has been since the last TST. (The Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 7th Edition, 2014, Ch. 4 & 15. Published by Public Health Agency of Canada.)

Students **accepted** in the Primary Care, Advanced Care Paramedicine, Practical Nursing, Resident Care Worker, Dental Assisting, and Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist Assistant programs are **required** to have up-to-date immunizations and TB testing in order to be permitted to participate in clinical practice settings (hospitals, dental practices, long term care facilities, and EMS vehicles). Students accepted to one of these programs will not be allowed into clinical settings without the required immunizations and therefore will not be able to complete the program. *Students in the Paramedicine Programs will be required to provide some clinical placements with a complete immunization record before being permitted to take part in any activities.*

The Physician or Public Health Nursing office that administered your immunization as a child and during your school years will need to complete this form. If your records are not available, you will have to be screened and or immunized again. **Please note** that there is a waiting time between some doses of immunizations, as long as 6 months for the series of Hepatitis B vaccines. The Chicken Pox vaccine and the MMR vaccine interfere with the TB testing. Therefore, have the TB testing first if you require Chicken Pox and/or MMR vaccines. If you have started the Chicken Pox or MMR series, TB testing cannot be done until 6 weeks after their completion. In order to ensure that you will meet all the requirements for admission before your program start-date, it is recommended that you begin the process **As-Soon-As-Possible after your acceptance into the program.**

* Public Health Agency of Canada (www.publichealth.gc.ca)