

Appendix C - Task Specific Examples

Clinical Placements in Hospitals or Health Services

Recommended vaccination(s): Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Hep B, Hep A, Pertussis, TB, Chickenpox and Influenza.

The University recognises that staff and students in placements are obliged to follow the immunisation requirements of the host organisation. Students are required to bring evidence of vaccinations to clinical placements. Without documentation students may be unable to complete their placement.

It is important to note that maintaining immunity helps prevent transmission of vaccine preventable disease to and from staffs, patients and their family and friends.

The University follows the Department of Health Category classification system when advising on vaccination requirements:

Category A - Direct contact; complete immunisation is mandatory.

Category B - Indirect contact; these staffs may be exposed to diseases spread via droplets, such as measles and rubella, but are unlikely to be at risk from blood borne diseases, so some vaccinations are mandatory.

Category C - No contact: Not requiring vaccination, as no direct or indirect contact with exposure sources. NB: The level of risk is considered no greater than the general community.

VU Dermal and Osteotherapy Lead Student Clinics

Recommended vaccination(s): Hepatitis B and Influenza.

The Student led clinics as a whole could be assessed as low risk for the transmission of blood borne and communicable diseases, based on current recommendations to VU from the Department of Health (Victoria).

If dealing with open or unhealed wounds, the risk of exposure is higher; therefore it is mandatory for those who work within this area to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Biological Laboratories and Animal Facilities

Recommended vaccination(s): Hep A, Hep B, Tetanus and specific vaccinations against project-specific microorganisms.

Those who work with microorganisms associated with vaccine-preventable disease may be mandated to have specific vaccination. E.g. Laboratory personnel working with mycobacterium tuberculosis must be vaccinated against tuberculosis.

Individual, project and laboratory risk assessment must be conducted to ascertain risk, likelihood of exposure and consequence of exposure.

Immunisation recommendations and strategies for controlling laboratory infectious hazards are outlined in AS 2243.3.

Consideration should be given to the fact that processing potentially infectious samples (e.g. blood, sewage, waste water, soil etc. in the laboratory may result in:

- a. generating aerosols and droplets
- b. amplification and concentrations of microorganisms

- c. exposure to contaminated sharps
- d. exposure to biological waste.

Child Care Staffs

Recommended vaccination(s): Hepatitis A, MMR, Pertussis & Varicella

First Aiders

Recommended vaccination(s): Hepatitis B

Plumbers

Recommended vaccination(s): Hepatitis A

International Students, Staff and Visitors

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection, as part of the Visa process, requires a health check before entry into Australia see: www.border.gov.au/trav/visa/health/meeting-the-health-requirement/health-examinations.

All travellers to Australia must be free from a disease or condition considered to be a threat to public health, or a danger to the Australian community see:

<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/Health/overview-of-the-health-requirement/threats-to-public-health>.

Entry into Australia may require evidence of vaccination. The cost of these vaccinations are not covered by the University. For example, Australia strongly recommends all persons over one year of age to hold an international yellow fever vaccination certificate if, within the 6 days prior to their arrival in Australia, they have stayed overnight or longer in a declared yellow fever infected country, in Africa, the Caribbean, Central or South America. If the individual does not hold an international yellow fever certificate, the individual will still be permitted to enter Australia and will be issued with a 'Yellow Fever Action Card' on arrival in Australia. The card provides instructions on what visa holders should do.

Occupational-specific vaccination may be requested by the University. Vaccination must be completed before commencing work or study. Depending on the relationship with the University (i.e. student or staff), the cost of occupational-specific vaccination may be covered by the University (see Section J).

If possible, obtain your immunisation records in English.

If traveling with your family, please note that children may not be accepted in childcare facilities and schools, unless they meet the National Immunisation Schedule. The cost of this immunisation is not covered by the University.

Travel Vaccinations

Staffs and students travelling on VU business must consult Section 6.3.3 Pre travel Arrangements in the VU Travel Policy [<https://policy.vu.edu.au/>].

They should seek medical guidance on required vaccinations as soon as practicable. Consideration must be given to the fact that it can take six months to a year to successfully complete all courses of some vaccinations.

Travel advice can be obtained by visiting:

- a. DFAT Travel Advice - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade [<http://dfat.gov.au/travel/Pages/travel.aspx>]

- b. Travel Health Website - Department of Health
[<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-publth-strateg-quaranti-index.htm>]
- c. Travel Immunisation Victoria
[<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/travel-immunisation>]
- d. Health Warnings Website- Department of Health
[<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Health+Warnings-1>]
- e. Smart Traveller Website
[<http://smartraveller.gov.au/guide/all-travellers/health/Pages/default.aspx>]

Vaccinations can be done through the traveller's local doctor, or by utilising the services of a specialist Travel Doctor (recommended option).

The VU Travel Checklist is a sufficient record that immunisation has been completed. By signing the Travel Authority checklist, Travellers and Supervisors are indicating that they are aware of the risks and have completed the relevant immunisations.

The University may decide not to approve travel without vaccination.

Staff and Students may decide not travel, if there is a safety risk.