

OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE / EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICE

The Employee Health Service (EHS), housed in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, provides service to employees, students, and volunteers. It is located in The Exchange, Suite 262. The telephone number is (860) 679-2893.

The most important function of EHS includes assessment of immunization status prior to volunteer placement. Volunteers are responsible for their immunizations update and titers as required by the Infection Control Committee and Employee Health Service policy and procedures.

Other functions include Hepatitis B vaccination for those volunteers with potential for exposure to bloodborne pathogens and tuberculosis screening test for all unless they had a positive test in the past. Hepatitis B vaccines and titer after the 3 dose series is mandated by OSHA when there is potential for exposures to blood or body fluids in the job. Those vaccinations, when required, are covered by UCHC Employee Health Service.

Tuberculosis screening is accomplished through a two step Tuberculin Skin Test (TST). Proof of a negative TST within the past twelve months will be required to waive one of the skin tests. Annual TST is recommended for all employees and volunteers at the Health Center.

Individuals with a positive TST in the past will be required to have a recent radiography of the chest on file and to have a medical evaluation with the Employee Health Medical Director or designee. EHS offers the influenza vaccine, free of charge, to all employees, students, resident physicians, and volunteers in the beginning of the "flu" season.

Please, call 679-2893 if you have questions or concerns. EHS is open during regular working hours from Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic is closed on weekends and major holidays.