



New policy: "Communicable Disease Surveillance and Vaccination Policy"

The Chancellor's Office recently announced a new enterprise-wide administrative policy "Communicable Disease Surveillance and Vaccination Policy". This policy has been reviewed and recommended by the Chancellor's Steering Committee on Occupational Health and Safety. It is anticipated that this new policy will apply to a variety of UCSF researchers and clinical providers.

Specific new highlights of this policy include:

1. UCSF personnel who conduct research in licensed patient care settings are required to meet vaccination and surveillance requirements comparable to patient care providers.
2. UCSF personnel who conduct research in community settings with patient populations known to have a high prevalence of tuberculosis are required to meet baseline and annual TB skin testing requirements. In San Francisco, the populations with high prevalence for TB are: jail, homeless, and HIV positive populations and new immigrants from South East Asia.
3. UCSF personnel who travel internationally for UCSF official business are eligible to receive core baseline surveillance and vaccinations.
TB skin test is recommended 12 weeks following return from international assignment or sooner if the traveler is symptomatic.
(At this time, OHS does not provide a full range of travel vaccinations although a more complete program is under discussion.)

[Click here](#) for the full policy.

The UCSF Occupational Health Services provides the surveillance and vaccination services specified in this policy at no cost to eligible personnel.

Information about clinic locations, drop-in hours, and process for setting appointments (if needed) is [available here](#). (Please note that UCSF Student Health Services remains responsible for the registered student populations.)

The UCSF Occupational Health Program is pleased to offer these services to the UCSF community. We invite your questions and input. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-502-2871.

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