

Health Surveillance - Biological Agents and blood/body fluids

The COSHH Regulations require that individuals working with certain higher risk biological agents (including those that are genetically modified) are kept under health surveillance. In most instances, this is confined to simple health screening before starting work to identify anyone who may be at increased risk of infection and maintaining a record of a person's involvement in such work. In some cases this assessment will also indicate a requirement for immunisation e.g. against hepatitis B*.

Please complete all sections of the form and return it to Occupational Health, which is based in Edward Herbert Building. The information that you supply on this form will be held in confidence by Occupational Health.

You should inform Occupational Health:

- if you are ever involved in any incident where you may be accidentally exposed to the pathogen(s) you work with.
- If you develop symptoms that might be caused by exposure to the pathogen(s) you work with
- If you develop any health condition which may increase your risk of infection if exposed to pathogens.
- If you change your address or name.

Thankyou,
Occupational Health, occupationalhealth@lboro.ac.uk ext 222851

Name		DOB	
Address		Work ext. number	
		Email address	
Department			
Staff/ Post Grad/ Under Grad			
Manager/supervisor/Principal Investigator/ Dept. contact			
Department cost code:			
What pathogens do you use in your research? Are these attenuated or modified?			
Please give a brief description of the work you are doing			
Does your work involve handling of <u>human</u> tissue (including blood or serum) either now or at any point in the future during the course of your research/ work at Loughborough University?			
YES/ NO/ PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE			
Does your work involve fieldwork abroad?			
YES/ NO			
Does your work require you to go into hospitals or similar environments to collect samples? (If yes, you will need to complete an NHS Research passport form, available at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/health-safety/forms/.)			
YES/ NO			

Medical information

1. Have you suffered from any bone marrow disorder or any form of cancer? Yes No
2. Do you have sickle cell disease? Yes No
3. Have you had your spleen removed? Yes No
4. Have you been treated with steroids in the past 18 months? Yes No
5. Do you have eczema, psoriasis or other skin disease? Yes No
6. Do have any chronic lung or heart disorder? Yes No
7. Do you have any other health problem that may affect your resistance to infection Yes No
8. Is there a history of immuno-deficiency or susceptibility to infection in your family? Yes No
9. Do you take any medicines (including non-prescription drugs) regularly? Yes No
10. Have you ever had a fit or blackouts? Yes No
11. Do you have any physical impairment that may affect your ability to work safely in a laboratory e.g. restricted mobility, significant visual impairment, impaired hearing, co-ordination or dexterity? Yes No
12. (women only) Are you pregnant or considering pregnancy during the duration of this project? Yes No

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above give details _____

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13. a) Have you been vaccinated against Hepatitis B?* Yes No
If yes, please give details e.g. dates, number of doses?
 - b) Have your antibody levels been checked? Yes No
If yes, when and what was the result? _____

N.B. (YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WITH COPIES OF ANY RELEVANT BLOOD TESTS, VACINE CARDS ETC)

Signed _____ **Date** _____

* Hepatitis B is a virus which is most commonly spread by unprotected intercourse, drug users sharing equipment and from mother to baby at birth. The prevalence of Hepatitis B in the UK is 0.3 % (i.e. 3 cases per 1000 people), some countries have a higher rate than this. Not all carriers of the disease are aware that they are infected.

Immunisation against hepatitis B is recommended for those who may be exposed to human blood/blood stained body fluids in the course of their work e.g. research staff and postgraduate students who take blood and/or carry out tests on blood samples. There is also a potential risk with the handling of Chimpanzees and Tree Shrews.

A full course of hepatitis B vaccine consists of 3 injections at intervals of 0,1 and 6 months (or 0,1 and 2 months with a 4th dose at 12 months). A single booster is required if at continued risk after 5 years. The vaccine is effective in around 90% of people, a blood test is required 2 months after the third dose of vaccine to ensure that good immunity has been achieved.

If you require hepatitis B immunisation due to your work we can arrange for the University Medical Centre to carry this out. The cost of immunisation will be recharged to your department, I will require confirmation from a manager or supervisor that they will accept this. Approximate cost is currently £30 per dose for hepatitis B vaccines and £49 for the follow-up blood test.

Name _____

For Occupational Health use:

Fit for work described _____

Vaccine requirement _____

Referred to medical centre for vaccines _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Vaccines completed _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____