

HEPATITIS B SHOTS

There are 2 levels of risk for individuals who work in laboratory settings with blood exposure.

Level 1

This individual works in the lab with human or animal blood but does not handle needles (only does flushing, spinning etc.)

Hepatitis B Shots Highly Recommended

You are NOT responsible for the payment of these shots.

Level 2

This individual is directly susceptible to accidental needle sticks through finger pricks, veni-puncture inserting an in-dwelling catheter, etc.

Hepatitis B Shots Required

If your job requires that you have these shots, the university is responsible for payment according to OSHA standards. These shots are covered under the TTU Occupational Health Program.

- Anyone working with human or animal blood and is exposed to the potential of a needle stick is REQUIRED to have a Hepatitis B Shot. This may be a simple finger prick. ANY and ALL exposure to human or animal blood in relation to a puncture of the skin requires a Hepatitis B Shot.
- If you are working with saliva or urine samples Hepatitis B Shots are not required.
- Texas Tech University Environmental Health and Safety pays for these shots at no cost to yourself under the Occupational Health Program.
- There is a series of 3 shots: First shot- Hepatitis B- wait 30 days- Second shot- Hepatitis B- wait 6 months- Third shot- should be taken within a year
- Please go to register and follow the instructions at:
<http://www.dept.ehs.ttu.edu/ehs/ehshome/occupational-safety/OccupationHealthProgram>.