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/occupationalsafty/OccupationHealthProgram.