



**August 2023**

**Re: Immunisation Screening at Occupational Health Clinic**

Dear Student,

Firstly, congratulations on achieving your place on the undergraduate course in nursing at DKIT. We look forward to meeting you to commence your immunisation screening in September. Aine Mc Hugh (DKIT Lecturer) will advise you of your appointment details.

At your appointment, an occupational health nurse will review your vaccination history. We will ask you about your vaccination history and review your childhood vaccine records. These records will be held in either your local HSE health Office or your General Practitioner (GP).

In advance, please contact the health office or GP to obtain your records. It may take a period of time to obtain these records but they are required and can be presented to us at your appointment.

A list of HSE Local Health Offices are available: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/>

We will review your vaccination status and immunity to:

- Tuberculosis (BCG) vaccine record and BCG scar check
- Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) – we request documented evidence of 2 doses of MMR
- Hepatitis B - If you have previously received Hepatitis B vaccinations please also provide documentation of this and of subsequent blood test for Hep B immunity
- Pertussis (Whooping cough) [DTaP Vaccine] we request documented evidence of a dose in the last 10 years
- Varicella (Chicken pox)- history of infection and or documented evidence of 2 doses of varicella vaccine.

**If you don't have documented evidence of vaccination against MMR, Hepatitis B, Pertussis, we will offer you vaccination in the clinic.**

**Student Midwives only**- In accordance with *HSE HR Circular 012/2009 Implementation of Recommendations of Report on The Prevention of Transmission of Blood Borne Diseases in the Health Care Setting*, we will need to take a blood sample from you to test for hepatitis B and hepatitis C infection. We will explain the rationale for these tests when we meet you. **Please remember to bring a valid proof of identification (Passport or Driving Licence) as we can only take the blood sample if we have proof of your identity.**

Finally, please note all records should be presented only to Occupational Health personnel, and will be retained in confidence. If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact us at the above number.

Regards, Occupational Health Team