

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care is committed to protecting all persons carrying on activities in the hospital from exposure to vaccine preventable communicable diseases. We must maintain current, complete and accessible records of the vaccination status and the status of immunity to vaccine preventable diseases of all individuals working within our premises as required by **Regulation 965, Section 4, under the Public Hospital Act.**

This provincial regulation requires acute care facilities to **“establish and provide for the operation of a health surveillance program including a communicable disease surveillance program in respect of all persons carrying on activities in the hospital.” This includes all employees, physicians, volunteers, students (including medical trainees) and independent contract workers.**

It is the responsibility of the educational institution to ensure students have up-to-date vaccinations and a valid mask fit test prior to starting a placement. Students who do not have the requirements listed below may have their placement delayed or cancelled.

Prior to starting a placement at Waypoint all students must have:

- Documentation or lab results confirming proof of immunity for measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox).
- Lab confirmed proof of immunity for Hepatitis B.
- Two-step TB test is required within 2 months of placement unless the student has:
 - documented results of a prior two-step TB test; OR
 - documentation of a negative TB test within the last 12 months

If the student has either of the requirements stated above then a one-step test may be given.

As of December 21, 2021, students in a patient facing role are required to be mask fit tested for an N95 mask. You will be asked to provide your most recent mask fit card or certificate to the Student Placement Coordinator. Mask fitting can take place onsite at Waypoint, please notify the Student Placement Coordinator if you require a fitting. Of note, the area that seals to the face must be clean shaven (the only exception to this will be in cases where valid human rights ground requiring accommodation exists e.g. religious observance). Requests for accommodation in this regard must be made in writing to the HR Business Partners a minimum of two weeks prior to orientation via swalpole@waypointcentre.ca

By clarifying this responsibility, Waypoint is assuming that all students arriving for placement have been screened by their educational institution to ensure these requirements are in place. Waypoint staff will not be conducting checks to determine if they are met and will not be maintaining any record of compliance. This remains the responsibility of the educational institution. The record should be readily available upon request by Waypoint.

If you have any questions, please contact the Student Placement Coordinator:
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