

Preparing for the Occupational Health Immunisation and Covid-19 assessment Appointment for Oxford Brookes Students – Oxford Healthcare only

Your programme administrator will send you an invitation via email. Please make sure that you go to your occupational health appointment even if it clashes with other activities. Occupational health appointments take priority and this is understood by teaching staff so you do not need to worry about that.

This communication contains important information. Please read it all.

To ensure you are prepared for practice and meet mandatory occupational health regulations you **MUST** have completed the Occupational health process.

This includes the work health assessment process and an appointment with Occupational health to assess your immunisations status and ensure you have adequate protection and/ or commence the appropriate immunisation programme to protect you in placement. At the appointment you will also commence the Covid-19 vulnerability assessment.

If you do not attend your appointment, we cannot guarantee that we can rebook occupational health appointments in time for you to commence practice and you may be charged.

You cannot swap appointments with friends.

Any students who do turn up and do not have an appointment will be turned away.

If you are unwell on the day of the appointment and therefore unable to attend, please inform (in good time): clearances.hls@brookes.ac.uk

If you have any questions, please contact: clearances.hls@brookes.ac.uk

What you MUST do before your Occupational health Immunisation and Covid Assessment Appointment:

1. You **MUST** have completed and submitted a **Work Health Assessment** (WHA) form and be health cleared by Occupational Health. If this is not the case they cannot be seen until this process is completed which will delay their immunisation programmes.

You should have completed the WHA before you started at University.

Top tip: The form can be saved as you complete it but you have to click submit for it to go through to Occupational health. Once it goes through you will receive an electronic confirmation.

2. You **MUST** be prepared to share documentary evidence of your complete immunisation record. For UK students **you should be able to obtain your documentary evidence from you GP, they will need time** to be able to provide this to you so please contact them in advance of your appointment. Please see the list below which details the immunisations and additional requirements that will be considered

Immunisation/blood tests information:

On the day of your appointment all students will have a discussion and be required to provide documentary evidence on the following vaccinations and/or receive the appropriate immunisations/blood tests:

Hepatitis B – course of 3 vaccinations

Hepatitis B antibody blood test (if you have had a course)

MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella) x2 vaccinations which confers lifelong protection

BCG history – many UK students will not have had this – subject to where you live and your age and travel history

Chickenpox history – ensure they are clear as to whether they have had this childhood illness – clarify with those who had parental responsibility wherever possible. You may have had vaccinations and if so documentary evidence is required.

Quantiferon blood test – this is for all students who have been to countries with a high incidence of TB for 3 months or longer in the last 5 years. This is to screen for latent TB and all those with a positive test will be referred to the Chest Clinic for treatment. For some international students new to the UK you may have had a chest Xray result/certificate please ensure provide this as evidence – Occupational Health do not need the Chest Xray film but the results.

Paramedic Science and Midwifery students (Exposure Prone Practitioners) ONLY:

All groups who are classed as Exposure Prone Practitioners (EPP) will have an Identity Validated Sample (IVS) blood test to test for Hepatitis B surface antigen, Hepatitis C and HIV prior to health clearance.

All students having an EPP IVS blood test are required to attend with photographic identification (not on their phones) such as Passport, Drivers licence.