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Social work students may come into contact with communicable diseases throughout the duration of their field placements. This policy outlines immunization requirement for health care workers, as recommended by the *Canadian Immunization Guide*¹.

All social work field students in healthcare institutions and/or settings governed by local health authorities (e.g. Horizon Health Network and Vitalité Health Network) are required to provide immunization records or documentation confirming immunity of infectious diseases. Completed immunization forms are to be submitted to the field placement coordinator no later than sixty (60) days prior to entering the field placement.

Records of immunity of the following communicable diseases are required by the Horizon Health Network: **Tetanus Diphtheria & Pertussis; Measles/Mumps/ Rubella; Varicella; Tuberculosis; Hepatitis B; Influenza is highly recommended but not required. If immunity cannot be demonstrated, vaccinations or testing will be required.**

Students may choose to receive their vaccinations with their family physician, or the Campus Student Health Centre. Any costs associated with vaccines or immunizations are the responsibility of the student.

Failure to comply with this policy may delay entrance to the field placement and/or the student may not be permitted to practice in the placement setting.

Additional Information

- Campus Student Health Centre (453-4837) provides vaccinations and TB testing for all the vaccinations required by Horizon. They can also do blood tests to screen for immunity, and provide an immunization record/documentation. No appointment required for vaccinations, however an appointment for blood work is necessary. Students responsible for the costs associated with the vaccines and screening.
- Community Health Clinic (453-5200) will not see students that have access to the Campus Student Health Centre.
- Fredericton Public Health Clinic (453-5200), the immunization clinic can only be accessed by children and youth under the age of 16.

¹ Public Health Agency of Canada. (2007). *Canadian Immunization Guide: Part 3 Recommended Immunization*. <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/cig-gci/p03-02-eng.php>