

3.16. Research Related Vaccinations

In certain cases, while working with biological agents that can cause disease in humans, it is advisable to offer vaccination for those agents. The need for research related vaccination will be dependent on the research description given in the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) protocol. The IBC along with the IUEHS Biosafety for your respective campus will conduct a risk assessment to evaluate if the research warrants recommendation or requirement of a specific vaccine. In some cases vaccination would be a requirement of conducting proposed research. The identification of Indiana University employees who may become exposed to infectious biological agents and need vaccination is based on the IBC protocol and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention list of vaccine preventable diseases. The vaccine preventable diseases list is available for your review at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/vpd-list.htm>

Medical evaluation and vaccination at Indiana University will be performed by the [Designated Medical Service Provider](#) for the respective campus. Evaluation and vaccination is considered confidential. Some physical conditions may affect the ability of an individual to be vaccinated. The Designated Medical Service Provider for the campus may ask for a medical history to assist in determination of these conditions. If an employee elects to decline the vaccine, but continues to work under the protocol, they must sign the declination section of the Vaccination Acceptance/Declination form ([Appendix C1-2](#)). A copy of the form must be kept with the Designated Medical Service Provider. Medical records for Regional Campus employees must also be included in Indiana University Human Resources.

Obtaining vaccines which have been recommended or required by IUEHS Biosafety and the IBC will be at no cost to employees of Indiana University. The IBC and IUEHS Biosafety may recommend or require vaccination of non-Indiana University employees who have been listed on IBC protocols. IUEHS Biosafety for the respective campus will cover the expense of vaccinations for Indiana University employees. The cost of vaccination for non-Indiana University employees is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator.

Contact the IUEHS Biosafety for your respective campus to request consideration of a research related vaccination and to obtain necessary forms. Vaccination Acceptance/Declination forms are required to be filled out and signed by IUEHS Biosafety before a vaccine is obtained. For billing purposes, IUEHS Biosafety for the respective campus will be notified that personnel have completed recommended vaccination(s). Evaluation and vaccination is considered confidential and no personal medical information will be shared with staff or faculty at Indiana University.