

VACCINATION POLICY

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Only students enrolling in the Medical Assistant Program must have a completed health clearance from a licensed physician. This physical must include a screening for tuberculosis by PPD or Mantoux only (a Tine Test is not acceptable) and a chest X-ray if the results of the PPD are positive.

It is important for the medical student to be informed and aware that vaccination against the hepatitis virus is available. The vaccination is recommended and advised. However, since financial responsibility for this inoculation is that of the student, it is the student's decision as to whether he or she desires the vaccination.

Because the possibility of exposure to autoimmune disorders exists in medical employment, the school contends that it is important for each student to document his/her date of health clearance with his/her private physician by having an HIV screening. HIV Screening is a simple blood test and can be done in conjunction with the other required testing. The school suggests that this information be kept on file in the physician's office only. Since the HIV Screening is not a mandatory portion of the DEC entrance requirements, it is not necessary that these results be listed with the school. Students who opt to inform the school of a positive HIV status can be assured that this diagnostic health information will not influence admission to or discharge from the program and will be held in the strictest confidence. It is, however, important to consider the risks of contamination and transmission of a communicable disease to other students or members of the community. In doing so, DEC hopes that each student will be responsible with regard to the health, safety, and well-being of others.