

## EMT Program

### FAQs for Health Clearance

#### **1. What are the requirements to obtain a Health Services Clearance for my program?**

It depends on which program you are in. Please refer to your program worksheet.

#### **2. Why do I need two TB skin tests (TST)?**

Most medical settings now require the two-step TB skin test (TST) to ensure a more accurate reading/result. All EMT students are required to have a two-step TST as part of their health services clearance. Typically, a TST is placed and then a reading is obtained within 48-72 hours. If negative, a second TST is placed a week after the first TST is READ. The student is instructed to return within 48 to 72 hours to read the second TST. **Note that the two step TST should be completed before receiving any live virus vaccinations such as MMR or varicella.**

#### **3. What is the cost of immunizations?**

Please refer to Fee Schedule

#### **4. Can I get all my immunizations/screenings at once?**

It will depend on which immunizations you need. The nurse will review your immunization record to determine what you need.

#### **5. Do I make an appointment for my Health Clearance?**

No, our services are offered on a walk-in basis.

#### **6. What are the hours for Health Services?**

It's best to call the office or log on [www.mjc.edu/healthservices](http://www.mjc.edu/healthservices) to view the most current hours.

##### **Summer:**

East Campus & West Campus  
Monday to Thursday: 7:30am to 5:30pm  
Fridays: CLOSED  
Registration closes ½ hour before closing.

##### **Fall/Spring:**

East & West Campus:  
Monday - Thursday: 8am to 5pm

Friday: 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Registration closes ½ hour before closing.

### **7. Why do I need a MJC student ID card and a current semester sticker?**

The student ID card determines whether you are a student at MJC and the semester sticker states that you have paid your health fee. Health Services is not funded by general funds like other departments; we are funded by the health fee only.

### **8. How many times do I need to come into Health Services?**

It is difficult to say because it depends on the requirements of your program. Typically, the average number of visits is 4 or more. Once your health clearance is completed, you will receive a clearance form and instructed to submit it to the EMT Department.

### **9. How can I minimize the number of visits that I need to come to Health Services?**

By completing your worksheet and bringing documented proof of immunizations/screenings to Health Services.

### **10. How long will my visit take in Health Services?**

Visits can take anywhere from 15 minutes - 60 minutes with the nurse. However, the wait time in general will depend upon the number of students waiting for service, reason for the student's visit, and current staffing.

### **11. Do I have to restart my Hepatitis B series if I never completed it?**

No. You will need documented proof of the completed Hepatitis B immunizations you received. Then the nurse will determine what you need to complete the series.

### **12. What blood work (titers) will I need?**

If you do not have documented proof of immunizations you can request the following blood titers (blood work) to determine if you are immune.

Types of Titers: Hepatitis B, Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR must test for all three), and/or Varicella (Chicken Pox)

### **13. Where can I have titers (blood work) completed?**

After obtaining a lab request from Health Services or from your provider, titers (blood work) may be completed at any Quest Lab or lab indicated by your provider. Should your blood work indicate that you lack immunity to a particular disease, you will be required to take the entire series of immunizations for that particular disease.

### **14. What is the cost for titers provided through Health Services?**

Please refer to the most current Fee Schedule posted on the Health Services website.

### **15. What is a Health Clearance?**

A Health Clearance is a list of requirements set up by a specific academic program. Many of these requirements are in place to protect patients and staff from communicable diseases in health care settings.

### **16. Do I have to go to the Health Services office to obtain what I need on my worksheet?**

No, you may go to your own health care provider to obtain any immunizations, and titers.

**Please note:** a two-step TST is required and documentation for all immunizations/screenings must be reviewed by a Health Services Nurse to obtain the clearance form. **Make sure that all required TSTs are obtained prior to receiving any live-virus vaccinations to avoid delays in the clearance process. (see CDC guidelines for more information)**