

FAQs for RFTC EMT Program Health Clearance

1. What is a Health Clearance?

It 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.

2. What are the requirements to obtain a Health Services Clearance for my program?

Please refer to the EMT Health Clearance Worksheet or EMT program instructors for specific information. The current EMT Health Clearance requirements include:

- a. TB clearance
- b. Flu vaccination
- c. Tdap vaccination
- d. Hepatitis B immunity
- e. MMR immunity

3. Why do I need a two-step TB skin test (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 clearance. The first 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 was READ. The student is instructed to return within 48 to 72 hours to read the second TST.

Make sure that all required TSTs are obtained prior to receiving any live-virus vaccinations to avoid delays in the clearance process (see the CDC guidelines for more information).

4. What is the cost of immunizations, screenings or lab work?

Please refer to the MJC Fee Schedule.

5. Can I get all my immunizations, screenings or lab work at once?

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

6. What lab work (titers) will I need for the Health Clearance?

If you do not have documented proof of the required immunizations you can request the following lab work (titers) to determine if you are immune. Titers can be obtained for Hepatitis B, Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), and varicella (chicken pox).

7. Where can I have the lab work (titers) completed?

After obtaining a lab request from the Health Services office or your Primary Provider, the lab work may be completed at any Quest Lab or lab indicated by your provider. Should your titers indicate that you lack immunity to a particular disease, you will be required to obtain a booster vaccine or the entire series of immunizations for that particular disease (depending on your specific immunization history).

8. Do I make an appointment for my Health Clearance?

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



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9. What are the hours for MJC Health Services?

For the most current hours, call the office or log on to the MJC Health Services website (www.mjc.edu/healthservices).

10. How many times do I need to come to the MJC Health Services office?

Typically, the average number of visits is 2 – 4 but will depend on the requirements of your program.

11. How long will my visit to the MJC Health Services take?

Each visit vary in length due to the number of students waiting for services, reasons for the student's visit and current staffing. On average the visits are anywhere from 15-60 minutes.

12. 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 indicates that you have paid your health fee and can use the HS office.

13. Do I have to go to the MJC 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/screenings or TSTs. **Please note:** Documentation for all requirements must be reviewed by a Health Services Nurse to obtain the final health clearance form.