

Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Vaccination Information

The Santa Cruz Occupational Medical Center provides hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccination at no cost to employees with potential occupational exposure to human bloodborne pathogens. Employees may choose to be vaccinated after receiving information about Hepatitis B virus and the vaccine. Vaccination may not be appropriate if the employee has previously completed the HBV vaccination series, if voluntary antibody testing reveals that the employee is immune, or the vaccine is contraindicated for medical reasons.

Please note that while the vaccine is free for the employee, the costs are charged to the employee's department. The current costs are as follows:

Vaccination - \$91/injection (3 injections are typically required)

Antibody (titer) testing - \$89 (includes blood draw and testing)

If employees decline to accept the vaccination offered, the supervisor must ensure that they sign the UCSC HBV declination form. These employees may decide to participate in the program at a later date, free of charge.