

Flu Vaccination Sign-up



MOH has begun scheduling both on-site and in-clinic flu vaccinations, billed to employers. Please contact the MOH Scheduling Team to coordinate either roster billing for individual in-clinic vaccinations or for larger, onsite vaccination events:
mohscheduling@mohonline.com
(651) 968-5300.

Covid-19 Testing

MOH will be offering PCR testing for Covid-19. Each test takes up to 15 minutes to have the result. The PCR test is the gold standard for testing for an active infection, not just testing the presence of antibodies. MOH will only be testing workers who are not experiencing symptoms of Covid.

While the PCR devices will normally be based in one or more MOH clinics, they are portable enough to bring onsite for larger scale testing.

If you have the number of people you need tested and at what frequency, please contact Kim, Bob or Jim from the Business Development team. Our contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Covid-19 Vaccinations



MOH is once again able to order Moderna (2-dose) or Johnson & Johnson (1-dose) vaccine for Covid-19. If scheduled (either in-clinic or on-site) there is no charge for the vaccine, however there is a \$40 per shot charge for the administration (documentation, supplies, state data entry, the vaccination card and the giving of the vaccination itself), as well as a \$150/hour on-site charge if that option is used. Onsite vaccination events will be scheduled in a way that will enable the vaccination of 40 people per hour. For large events, we will provide additional staff to vaccinate a multiple of that each hour.

To avoid waste of vaccine we will schedule with the following in mind.

- The single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine ships with 5 doses per vial.
- The two-dose Moderna ships with 10 doses per vial. Since this vaccine is VERY temperature sensitive we will work with you to minimize the wasting of doses. The 2nd dose is administered 28 days after the first, so workers need to be available during that date.

When you have a precise number of people to be vaccinated and determine whether workers will be coming into our clinic(s) or if MOH will be staging an onsite event for you, please contact the MOH Clinic Operations Manager Sarah Morgan to schedule.

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TB Testing and Covid Vaccinations - CDC Revision

The Centers for Disease Control no longer requires a 4-week waiting period to perform TB testing during or after receiving a vaccination for Covid-19. They write: [The delay] "...was out of an abundance of caution during a period when these vaccines were new. However, given logistical challenges faced in delaying TB infection testing, the recommendation has been updated so that these tests may now be administered without regard to timing of COVID-19 vaccination."

Patients who have active TB disease or an illness that is being evaluated as active TB disease can receive a COVID-19 vaccine however the presence of a moderate or severe acute illness is a precaution to administer all vaccines.

Meet the Provider: Peter Swann, M.D., FACOEM, FAAFP, MRO



Dr. Swann oversees the direction and medical leadership to MOH in collaboration with MOH physicians. While actively seeing patients each day as the MOH Shakopee clinic primary physician, he focuses on determining work-related causation, accurate diagnosis, effective treatment and clear communication with his patients and their employers. The overall goal is to ensure best and consistent medical practices with regards to patient care and clinical outcomes.

Dr. Swann recently became MOH's Medical Review Officer (MRO) for the non-federal drug testing program. Functions of this job include: Expert knowledge in toxicology and pharmacology, fluency in HHS Guidelines, testing procedures, drug screen results and proper procedures for when a specimen is in review and requires result interpretation.

Drug Test Reporting Delays

Over the past two years, we have seen the “reporting” window where final results are communicated, lengthen significantly from every lab in the U.S. While the process described below has built-in stages, most of the long delays in 2020-21 occur because of the sheer volume of specimen being sent into and then re-tested by labs. Since non-negative specimen are run twice (during the initial immunoassay “screen” and then using a completely different technology, known as the “confirmation”) the more specimen sent to labs the longer these two stages take. In short, labs are overwhelmed. Add to that the occasional blizzard, hurricane or other weather phenomena, certain labs in the U.S. have fallen weeks behind from time to time.

The vast majority of drug testing MOH conducts involves Collection, Lab and MRO services. Most commonly MOH uses the lab Medtox, which is local. Beyond these, many employers have national lab or third-party accounts where MOH is only the collection site. Please keep in mind that MOH will never know that status of a drug test after the collected specimen is sent to your lab.

The process for all lab-based drug tests (including rapid tests that are non-negative and sent to a lab) are as follows:

1. Collection -> sent to a lab for testing
2. Confirmation -> a “split” or portion of the specimen is tested as part of the initial immunoassay screen
3. If non-negative -> the specimen is re-tested using a different technology as part of the confirmation test
4. Results are sent to the Medical Review Officer (MRO)
5. If a drug is present, the MRO will reach out to the donor to see if there is a verifiable medical explanation, if not the result is released as a “positive”. The MRO office will make several attempts to reach the donor, if unable to do so the MRO office will reach out to the employer DER for assistance in contacting the donor. If Donor doesn’t respond within 3 days, it is reported as a non-contact release.

*It is still the responsibility in MN that all employers notify the tested individual in writing explaining their rights.

Like you, MOH would love if labs throughout the country were able to process results in the timeframes they did two or more years ago, but with the level of drug use so high it is difficult to say when turnaround times will shorten.

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