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DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS PRH CHANGE NOTICE NO. 07-02
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: PRH Chapter 6, Section 6.10: Health and Wellness Program

1. Purpose. To clarify current PRH requirements for laboratory testing and immunizations for new students.
2. Background. Urine-based testing for Chlamydia and gonorrhea has not always been available for screening female students. Therefore, if female students declined a pelvic examination, no screening for Chlamydia and gonorrhea took place. Chlamydia and gonorrhea urine-based testing is now available for screening both male and female students. Also, clarification of required immunizations and tuberculin skin testing procedures is provided.
3. Explanation of Changes. Changes to Section 6.10, all in R1, are as follows:
 - a. R1.b.1. Added the word “separation” to the end of the paragraph.
 - b. R1.c. “Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements” table.
After the word “Urinalysis,” changed “(Dipstick)” to “(dipstick).”
After the words “Drug Screen,” changed “(Urinalysis)” to “(urine).”
 - c. R1.c. “Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements – Males Only” table.
Changed “Urinalysis (Dipstick) for Leukocyte Esterase (Gonorrhea Screen)” to “Urinalysis (dipstick) for leukocyte esterase (gonorrhea screen).”
After the words “Chlamydia Testing,” added “(urine).”

Changed “Gonorrhea Testing (if leukocyte esterase screen is positive)” to “Gonorrhea Testing if leukocyte esterase screen is positive (urine).”

Deleted “Syphilis Serology.”

In the “Required Time Frame” column, changed Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing time frames from “14 days” to “48 hours.” Also in the “Required Time Frame” column, deleted “Optional,” which pertained to the deleted “Syphilis Serology.”

d. R1.c. “Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements – Females Only” table.

After the words “Pregnancy Test,” changed “(Urine)” to “(urine).”

Changed “Pap Smear” to “Pap smear (if pelvic exam is waived, Pap smear is not required).”

After the words “Chlamydia Testing,” added “(endocervical or urine).”

After the words Gonorrhea Testing,” added “(endocervical or urine).”

Deleted “Syphilis Serology.”

In the “Required Time Frame” column, added “Documentation of Pap smear results obtained within 6 months prior to arrival on center is acceptable, but Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing are still required.” Also in the “Required Time Frame” column, deleted “Optional,” which pertained to the deleted “Syphilis Serology.”

e. R1.d. Immunizations.

In the first paragraph, removed “(except for items 4 and 6 below).”

Changed the wording of the numbered sequence to now read:

1. “Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid (Td)
2. “Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) for students under age 18 years
3. “Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine
4. “Hepatitis B vaccine series

“At a minimum, hepatitis B vaccine shall be provided to health personnel and health occupations training students. Vaccination consent/declination must be documented in the staff member’s personnel file or student health record. Vaccination of health occupations training students must begin 6 weeks prior to on-site clinical work experience.”

Added a new paragraph after R1.d.4 above which reads “Refer to TAB B: Immunizations and Communicable Disease Control, for optional immunizations that may be recommended but not required by the center physician, based upon availability.”

- f. R1.e. Deleted the second paragraph, which read, “Students with documented proof of a prior BCG vaccination shall receive a chest x-ray if the Mantoux test is positive.” Added the following two new paragraphs in its place:

“Results of tuberculin skin testing should be interpreted without regard to a prior history of BCG vaccination.”

“Refer to Treatment Guidelines in TAG M: Health Care Guidelines, for management of students with a positive Mantoux test.”

4. Action Required. Addressees are to ensure that this Change Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

5. Effective Date. July 23, 2007

6. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Carol Abnathy at (202) 693-3288 or abnathy.carol@dol.gov.

Attachment

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