SON OP: **20.026 Immunization Policy**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the School of Nursing Immunization Policy and Procedure (SON OP) is to establish a policy and procedure for an Immunization Policy as set forth in the HSC administrative policy manual, values the importance for nursing faculty to establish a policy and procedure for compliance with established guidelines in prevention of infectious diseases according to the best scientific evidence.

**REVIEW:** The OP will be reviewed biennially by October 1 of each odd numbered year (ONY) by the Associate Dean of Outcomes Management and Evaluation, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

1. **Policy**

   In accordance with TX Senate Bill 1177, and to uphold compliance with the TTUHSC Policy on Immunizations, all faculty who have direct contact patient care must provide immunization information for the following:

   MMR - Vaccination evidence for two Measles, Mumps and Rubella or laboratory proof of immunity (positive titer)* Childhood records may be submitted, as well.

   Varicella (chicken pox) - Vaccination laboratory proof of positive titer* or verified history of illness by a physician.  Childhood records may be submitted, as well.

   Hepatitis B - Strongly recommended for those working in clinical areas where there is the possibility of exposure to blood or body fluids.

   Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) - One adult dose since 2005.

   Influenza Vaccination - Annually as provided.

   Testing for Tuberculosis in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. - Documentation of immunity will be accepted.

   In addition clinical agencies may require other immunizations.  The immunization records are maintained and monitored by the TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health.  See the link also for guidelines regarding the TTUHSC Tuberculosis Surveillance program for employees.

   * [http://www.ttuhsc.edu/hsc/op/op75/op7511b.pdf](http://www.ttuhsc.edu/hsc/op/op75/op7511b.pdf)