

# Immunization and Vaccination Deferrals

## Blood Donor Center

Vaccine/Other Biologicals	Acceptability	Note
Acel-Immune	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed
ActHIB	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Haemophilus b Conjugate (Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate)
Animal Serum Products	Defer 2 weeks after last injection	
Anthrax vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)	Indefinitely Deferred due to HIV infection	
Attenuvax	Defer 2 weeks	Vaccine: Measles Virus Live (rubeola)
BCG	See <b>Tice BCG, USP</b>	
Bivax II	Defer 4 weeks	
Botox	For eye surgery; defer 1 month after last injection	Injectable: Botulinum Toxin Type A
Botulinum toxin	See <b>Botox</b>	
Chickenpox vaccine (Varicella zoster vaccine)	Defer 4 weeks	
COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment	Donor is currently not eligible to donate at this time	
COVID-19 Vaccine	Non-CCP donors who receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderna/Pfizer Vaccine (mRNA) – No deferral, if s/s free</li> <li>• Janssen/Astra Zeneca Vaccine/ Sputnik V (live- attenuated) No deferral, if s/s free</li> <li>• Novovax (subunit vaccine) No deferral, if s/s free Coronavac/Covaxin (Sub-unit) No deferral, if s/s free</li> <li>• Live-Attenuated Covid Vaccines (No currently approved for public use- for research purposes only) – 14-day deferral</li> <li>• If the type of vaccine is unknown – 14-day deferral</li> </ul>	If the donor has received the investigational COVID-19 vaccine, they may be eligible to donate COVID- 19 Convalescent Plasma. See OPD-BB- DC-7B for criteria.  May consult with a pathologist for acceptability.
Cholera Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free Ex: Vaxchora	Vaccine: Sterile suspension of killed Vibrio cholerae

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Clinical Trial Medications/Injections	See Experimental Medications	
Comvax Sterile Suspension	Defer 1 day (may cause positive HBsAg due to antigen present in the vaccine) Defer 12 months if post-exposure	Vaccine: Haemophilus b Conjugate (Meningococcal Protein Conjugate) and Hepatitis B (Recombinant)
Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed (DTP)	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Diphtheria Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
DTP	See <b>Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed</b>	
Encephalitis	See <b>Japanese Encephalitis</b>	
Engerix-B Unit-Dose Vials	Defer 1 day (may cause positive HBsAg due to antigen present in the vaccine) Defer 12 months if post-exposure	Vaccine: Hepatitis B (Recombinant)
Experimental Medications	Research Study. Medical Directors discretion if acceptable.	
Flu vaccine (influenza)	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Includes injected vaccine and Flu mist
Fluvirin	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Influenza Virus
Gamma globulin	Accept for travel if no known exposure to hepatitis. Acceptable if primary illness meets requirements. (Hepatitis exposure: 12-month deferral)	
Gammar	See <b>Gamma globulin</b>	
Gardasil	See <b>Human Papillomavirus Vaccine</b>	
German measles (rubella) vaccine	Defer 4 weeks	
Havrix	Defer 12 months post-exposure Accept immediately if given prophylactically, not for exposure	Vaccine: Hepatitis A, inactivated
HBIG	Defer 12 months	Vaccine: Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (Human)
Hepatitis A Vaccine	Defer 12 months if post-exposure Accept immediately if given prophylactically, not for exposure	
Hepatitis B Vaccine	Defer 28 days (may cause positive HbsAg due to antigen present in vaccine) Defer 12 months if post-exposure	
Hep-B-Immune Globulin	Defer 12 months	Vaccine: Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (Human)
Heptavax	Defer 7 days (may cause positive HbsAg due to antigen present in vaccine) Defer 12 months if post-exposure	Vaccine: Hepatitis B

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HibTITER	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Sterile conjugate of Haemophilus b and diphtheria protein
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Immune globulin	See <b>Gamma globulin</b>	
Imovax Rabies Vaccine	Defer 1 year if given for rabies exposure (animal bite); otherwise accept immediately if symptom-free	
Infanrix for Intramuscular Injection	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids
Influenza Virus Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Influenza Virus, includes injection and Flu mist
Ipol	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Poliovirus Inactivated
Japanese Encephalitis Virus Vaccine	See <b>JE-Vax</b>	
JE-Vax	Accept immediately if symptom-free and given prophylactically (prior to travel). Note: evaluate area of travel for malaria risk	Vaccine: Japanese Encephalitis Virus Inactivated
Jynneos (Monkey Pox)	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Attenuated, live,
Liquid PedvaxHIB	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Haemophilus b Meningococcal Protein Conjugate
Lyme Disease (Lymerev)	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Recombinant
Lyophilized PedvaxHIB	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Haemophilus b Meningococcal Protein Conjugate
Measles vaccine	See <b>Rubella and Rubeola vaccines</b>	
Meningitis Vaccine	See <b>Meningococcal Polysaccharide vaccine</b>	
Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Menomune-A/C/Y/W-135	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Meningococcal Polysaccharide
Meruvax II	Defer 4 weeks	Vaccine: Rubella Virus Live
MMR II	Defer 4 weeks (for rubella)	Vaccine: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Virus Live
MRVAX II	Defer 4 weeks (for rubella)	Vaccine: Measles and Rubella Virus Live
Mumps Vaccine	Defer 2 weeks	
MumpsVax	Defer 2 weeks after last injection	Vaccine: Mumps Virus Live
OmniHIB	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Sterile conjugate of Haemophilus b and diphtheria protein
Orimune	Defer 2 weeks	Vaccine: Attenuated poliovirus

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Ozempic	Determine the reason for the drug. Accept if s/s free.	If for Diabetes, follow OP-BB-DC-2B to evaluate for eligibility
Paratyphoid Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Pertussis Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Plague Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) Injection	Defer 1 week after the last injection Determine the reason for the injection	If used for tendon, ligament, muscle, or joint injuries. For any other uses, obtain pathologist approval.
Pneumococcal Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Pneumovax 23	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Pneumococcal Vaccine Polyvalent
Pnu-Imune 23	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Pneumococcal Polyvalent
Polio (injectable) Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Polio (oral) Vaccine	Defer 2 weeks	Killed virus
Pre or Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP/PrEP)	Injectable (Apretude): Defer for 2 years	Oral: (Truvada, Descovy): Defer for 3 months
PRP	See Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) Injection	
Rabies Vaccine Adsorbed	Defer 1 year if given for rabies exposure (animal bite); otherwise accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Sterilized rabies virus
Rabies Vaccine, Imovax Rabies I.D.	Defer 1 year if given for rabies exposure (animal bite); otherwise accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Sterilized rabies virus
Recombivax HB	Defer 1 day (may cause positive HbsAg due to antigen present in the vaccine) Defer 12 months if post-exposure	Vaccine: Hepatitis B (Recombinant)
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Ex: GSK Arexvy or Pfizer Abrysvo
RhoGAM	Accept after pregnancy, miscarriage or abortion and meets required wait of 6 weeks	Vaccine: Rh Immune Globulin
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Rubella Vaccine	Defer 4 weeks	
Rubeola Vaccine	Defer 2 weeks	
Shingles Vaccine (live attenuated)	Ex: Zostavax See <b>Varicella Zoster Vaccine</b> If <b>Shingrix</b> , see below	
Shingles Vaccine (Zoster Recombinant, Adjuvanted)	Ex: Shingrix Accept immediately if symptom-free	

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Smallpox Vaccine	<p>Vaccinated donor, or donor who has a localized vaccinia lesion acquired through close contact with a vaccine recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defer until after the scab has separated from the skin spontaneously or 21 days from the date of immunization, <b>whichever is longer</b>, as long as donor had no other symptoms or complications.</li> <li>Visual verification of absence of vaccine scab is required</li> </ul> <p>If scab was otherwise removed (<b>not spontaneously separated</b>): and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the donor is a vaccine recipient, defer for 2 months after vaccination date</li> <li>If donor had localized lesion acquired through close contact with a vaccine recipient, defer for 2 months after the date of attempted donation, as long as donor had no other symptoms or complications.</li> </ul> <p>If donor experienced complications of vaccinia infection acquired either through vaccination or close contact with vaccine recipient, defer until 14 days after all complications are completely resolved.</p> <p>Accept if you had close contact with a recent vaccine recipient but did not develop any skin lesions or other symptoms.</p>	<p>Vaccine: Vaccinia virus (from cowpox) closely related to smallpox provides protective immunization to smallpox.</p> <p><b>Close contact:</b> Physical intimacy, touching the vaccination site, touching the bandages or covering of the vaccination site, or handling bedding or clothing that has been in contact with an <b>unbandaged</b> vaccination site.</p> <p>If donor received Jynneos vaccine, see above for eligibility.</p>
Td/Tdap	See <b>Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed (DTP)</b>	
Testosterone (Replacement Therapy)	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Do not use plasma products. Place an "X" over the plasma bag so the plasma will be discarded.
Tetanus Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Tetramune	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoids, Pertussis, and Haemophilus b Conjugate
Tice BCG, USP	If given to treat cancer, permanent deferral. If given to treat tuberculosis exposure or prevention, defer 2 weeks if asymptomatic and donor meets medical criteria for tuberculosis	Vaccine: Live culture preparation of the Bacillus of Calmette and Guérin (BCG) strain Mycobacterium bovis
Tri-Immunol Adsorbed	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Diphtheria and tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed
Tripedia	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed
Typhim Vi	Accept immediately if symptom-free	Vaccine: Typhoid Vi Polysaccharide
Typhoid (injectable) Vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	

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Typhoid (oral) Vaccine	Defer 2 weeks	Killed Virus
Typhus vaccine	Accept immediately if symptom-free	
Vaqta	Defer 12 months if post-exposure. Accept immediately if given prophylactically, not for exposure.	Vaccine: Hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated
Varicella zoster Vaccine	Defer 4 weeks	
Varivax	Defer 4 weeks after last injection	Vaccine: Varicella Virus Vaccine Live
Vivotif Berna	Defer 2 weeks	Vaccine: Typhoid Vaccine Live Oral
Whooping Cough	See <b>Pertussis Vaccine</b>	See <b>Pertussis Vaccine</b>
Yellow fever vaccine	Defer 2 weeks	Defer 2 weeks