

Purpose

These guidelines aim to offer important health and safety information and resources for responders to be addressed prior to a deployment or emergency response. These guidelines aim to provide for the safety, security and well-being of emergency responders in the State of Texas.

1. Pre-Deployment Immunization Recommendations

Responders may come in contact with patients or infective material from patients, and are at risk for exposure to (and possible transmission of) vaccine-preventable diseases. These recommendations represent the minimum immunizations responders should obtain prior to a deployment or emergency response. These recommendations are based on established CDC guidelines for healthcare workers.

Clinical Provider Recommendations:

Mandatory:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Tetanus

Strongly Recommend:

- MMR
- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Pertussis

Non-Clinical Provider Recommendations:

Strongly Recommend:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Tetanus

Recommend:

- MMR
- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Pertussis