

Dear Staff Member:

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection is a preventable occupational hazard. Strategies for prevention include the use of appropriate barrier precautions in circumstances where blood contact is likely, taking care to avoid needlestick and puncture wound injuries, and immunization with hepatitis B vaccine.

The Tuxedo Union Free School District is interested in assuring that our workers are protected from infection with HBV. In addition to the personal protective equipment and safety advice we provide, the Tuxedo Union Free School District is offering the opportunity for our employees to receive the hepatitis B vaccine.

Information about HBV and the vaccine is being provided with this letter. Once you have received this material and had the opportunity to have your questions answered, please complete the attached form to indicate your choice of receiving or refusing the vaccine.

Those employees who choose to receive the vaccine will be instructed on how they may begin to receive the immunization series.

The HBV vaccination program is voluntary. The offer of vaccination remains open to those who refuse it this time. Participation or non-participation in this program will not affect your employment status or the protections normally accorded you occupationally. Please return the Consent/Declination Form to your school office.

It is our hope that, in the interest of your best health, you will give serious consideration to the receipt of the hepatitis B vaccine. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact -----.

Sincerely,

Herbert R. Fliegner
Superintendent of Schools

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Enc. Information on Hepatitis and the Hepatitis B vaccine Consent/Declination Form