**Vaccination Risk Categorisation for External Researchers at NSLHD**

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| **While you are onsite conducting study activity will you working with the following high risk client groups or in the following high risk clinical areas** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **High risk client groups** | **High risk clinical areas** |
| * Children less than 2 years of age including neonates and premature infants * Pregnant women * Immunocompromised clients | * Ante-natal, peri-natal and post-natal areas including labour wards and recovery rooms * Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Special Care Units * Paediatric wards * Transplant and oncology wards * Intensive Care Units * Emergency Departments * Operating theatres, and recovery rooms treating restricted client groups * Ambulance and paramedic care services * Laboratories |  |  |
| If you answered **Yes** you are considered to be **Category A,** regardless of duties. | | | |

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| **While you are onsite conducting study activity will you have :** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **Direct physical contact** with:   * patients/clients * deceased persons, body parts * blood, body substances, infectious material or surfaces or equipment that might contain these (eg soiledlinen, surgical equipment, syringes) |  |  |
| **Contact** that would allow the acquisition or transmission of diseases that are spread by **respiratory means**. Includes persons:   * whose work requires frequent/prolonged face-to-face contact with patients or clients eg interviewing or counselling individual clients or small groups; performing reception duties in an emergency/outpatients department; * whose normal work location is in a clinical area such as a ward, emergency department, outpatient clinic (including, for example, ward clerks and patient transport officers); or * who frequently throughout their working week are required to attend clinical areas, eg food services staff who deliver meals. |  |  |
| If you answered **Yes** to **one or both** of the above you are considered **Category A** and protection against the specified infectious diseases is required. | | |

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| **While you are onsite conducting study activity you:** | **Yes** | **No** |
| * Does not work with the high risk client groups or in the high risk clinical areas listed above. * No direct physical contact with patients/clients, deceased persons, blood, body substances or infectious material or surfaces/equipment that might contain these. * Normal work location is not in a clinical area, eg administrative staff not working in a ward environment, food services staff in kitchens. * Only attends clinical areas infrequently and for short periods of time eg visits a ward occasionally on administrative duties; is a maintenance contractor undertaking work in a clinical area. * Although such persons may come into incidental contact with patients (eg in elevators, cafeteria, etc) this would not normally constitute a greater level of risk than for the general community. |  |  |
| If you answered **Yes** to the above you are considered **Category B**. | | |

**Category A** - Please refer to INFORMATION SHEET 2. – Checklist: Evidence required from **Category A** applicants <https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2020_017.pdf>

**Category B** - Does not require protection against the specified infectious diseases as level of risk is no greater than that of the general community.