Working with animals or in agricultural environments

Immunisation requirements for students

The University of Queensland supports the protection of the health, safety and wellness of its students by minimising the risk of vaccine-preventable disease transmission occurring whilst participating in UQ academic programs. Students enrolled in programs and courses that involve working with animals or in agricultural environments should be immunologically protected against Q fever and Tetanus. There may be other immunisation requirements for individual students, depending on activities undertaken in their placements or research.

Refer to the table below to determine if your program (undergraduate and postgraduate) has mandatory or recommended immunisation requirements; this information is included in the electronic course profile.

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Providing your results

UQ requires its students to provide evidence they have been appropriately immunised and/or screened prior to commencing UQ coursework, placements or research that involve increased potential exposure to vaccine preventable disease (VPD). Students have a responsibility to comply with safe working procedures and health hazards infection control measures to protect themselves and others in their coursework and placement environments.

Scan and submit your immunisation documents to Placements, UQ’s placement management system: [https://placements.uq.edu.au](https://placements.uq.edu.au)

Access Placements via your my.UQ dashboard or through the my.UQ Manage My Program page.

Click 'Staff and Students' and log in using your UQ student username and password.

For assistance submitting your documents, please contact your student administration office.

Students who cannot be vaccinated for any medical or ethical reason will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your School’s Occupational Health and Safety Officer via email to discuss: sciohs@uq.edu.au (please include your program of study in the subject line).

If you have any questions or queries about the information provided in this document, please refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook and the UQ Vaccinations and Immunisations policy, or talk to your general practitioner.
What is Q fever?

Q fever is a zoonotic infection caused by highly infectious bacteria, *Coxiella burnetii*, typically via dust and aerosols from infected animals. It is relatively common yet highly preventable, and can cause severe acute illness. Persons working with animals such as cattle, sheep, goats and feral animals have the greatest risk of transmission, as well as workers from the meat and livestock industry. Also at risk are agricultural college staff and students if they are frequently working in environments where these animals are kept.

The Australian Immunisation Handbook recommends Q fever vaccination be administered to people at occupational risk which includes:

- Farmers and stockyard workers
- Abattoir workers
- Veterinary students
- Agricultural college staff and students
- Laboratory workers who handle veterinary specimens or work with *C. burnetii*
- Other people exposed to high risk animals, including wildlife

Q fever screening and vaccination

Q fever vaccination is given as a single dose. Booster doses are not recommended. People should receive serum antibody testing and a skin test before vaccination (together known as pre-vaccination testing).

Q fever testing and vaccination is available through an annual program at the UQ Health Care Gatton Clinic. Alternatively, the Australian Q Fever Register has details of immunisation providers who are trained to administer Q fever skin testing.

Additional protection

Procedures such as obstetrics and post-mortems, which are considered to have a higher risk of exposure to the Q fever-causing bacterium, require additional personal protective equipment (PPE) including P2 mask and lightweight safety eyewear to minimise exposure via the respiratory tract via dust, aerosols, splashes. To avoid transmission via breaches in the skin such as abrasions, cuts or via needle stick/sharp injuries, participants should effectively cover any wounds and strictly adhere to sharps handling precautions.

What is Tetanus?

Tetanus is caused by a bacterium found in soil, which can enter wounds and cause severe illness. Due to the nature of work undertaken within some programs and courses, UQ requires students to be immunologically protected against tetanus prior to commencing this coursework.

Tetanus vaccination

All adults should have received a complete childhood tetanus vaccination schedule. If a student is unsure if they have received full protection they should discuss this with their general practitioner. If tetanus is identified as a mandatory requirement, the student must provide evidence of a tetanus containing vaccine booster **within the last 10 years**. Tetanus containing vaccination is available from your general practitioner.

Other immunisations

Vaccination against other VPDs such as Rabies and Influenza may be required for some UQ coursework or placements, depending on the environment within which students interact with animals.

Students who come into regular contact with bats (flying foxes and microbats) are recommended to receive rabies vaccine. Please refer to the UQ policy on Working safely with Bats and Flying Foxes.

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## CULTURAL IDENTITY

To assist with health initiatives – are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes - Aboriginal
- [ ] Yes - Torres Strait Islander
- [ ] Yes - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

As Australia is a genuinely multicultural society, and to tailor appropriate care, encourage understanding and appreciation between people from different nationalities and cultures – do you identify as someone from a culturally and/or linguistic diverse background?

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes – please elaborate

If yes, do you require an interpreter service?

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes

We are committed to providing our patients with the best care. Please assist us by completing your new patient record form. To do this, it is essential that your health record contains complete and accurate information.

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PATIENT CONSENT

Please read this consent form carefully prior to signing

This general practice collects information from you for the primary purpose of providing quality health care. We require you to provide us with your personal details and a full medical history so that we may properly assess, diagnose and treat illnesses and medical conditions, ensuring we are proactive in your health care. To enable ongoing care, and in keeping with the Privacy Act 1988 and Australian Privacy Principles, we wish to provide you with sufficient information on how your personal information may be used or disclosed and record your consent or restrictions to this consent.

Your personal information will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected or as otherwise permitted by law, and we respect your right to determine how your information is used or disclosed.

The information we collect may be collected by a number of different methods and examples may include: medical test results, notes from consultations, Medicare details, data collected from observations and conversations with you, and details obtained from other health care providers (e.g. specialist correspondence).

By signing below, you (as a patient/parent/guardian) are consenting to the collection of your personal information, and that it may be used or disclosed by the practice for the following purposes:

- Administrative purposes in the operation of our general practice.
- Billing purposes, including compliance with Medicare requirements.
- Follow-up reminder/recall notices for treatment and preventative healthcare, frequently issued by SMS.
- Disclosure to others involved in your health care, including treating doctors and specialists outside this medical practice. This may occur through referral to other doctors, or for medical tests and in the reports or results returned to us following the referrals.
- Accreditation and quality assurance activities to improve individual and community health care and practice management.
- For legal related disclosure as required by a court of law.
- For the purposes of research only where de-identified information is used.
- To allow medical students and staff to participate in medical training/teaching using only de-identified information.
- To comply with any legislative or regulatory requirements e.g. notifiable diseases.
- For use when seeking treatment by other doctors in this practice.

At all times we are required to ensure your details are treated with the utmost confidentiality. Your records are very important and we will take all steps necessary to ensure they remain confidential.

Please complete the form below if you understand and agree to the following statements in relation to our use, collection, privacy and disclosure of your patient information –

I, ______________________________________________ have read the information above and understand the reasons why my information must be collected, and the purposes for which my information may be used or disclosed.

I understand that if my information is to be used for any purpose other than that set out above, my further consent will be obtained.

I, ______________________________________________ give permission for my personal information to be collected, used and disclosed as described above, including contact via SMS to my mobile phone number. I understand only my relevant personal information will be provided to allow the above actions to be undertaken and I am free to withdraw, alter or restrict my consent at any time by notifying this practice in writing.

PATIENT NAME (please print):__________________________ Date of Birth:_____________________

SIGNATURE:_________________________________ Date:____________________________

If not patient signing – your name (please print):________________________________________________________

Your relationship to patient (e.g. Mother, Father, guardian):________________________________________

If you fail to keep an appointment without giving three hours’ notice, you will be charged a non-attendance fee of $40.00. This fee will have to be paid before you can make any further appointments.
The Australian Q Fever Register is owned by the Australian Meat Processor Corporation (AMPC) and managed by AUS-MEAT Limited. Its purpose is to assist organisations to determine the Q Fever immune status of an individual, to prevent unnecessary testing, and to minimise the risk of exposing susceptible individuals in the workplace.

_read the attached Terms & Conditions and complete all sections below._

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- **Suburb/Town**

- **State**

- **Postcode**

- **Email**

- **Mobile**

- **Telephone (landline)**

- **Security Question**

- **Type of Job**

  - [ ] Work in a meat processing plant
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### PREVIOUS SCREENING / VACCINATION

- **I believe I have previously been tested &/or vaccinated for Q Fever:**
  - [ ] No
  - [ ] Yes, please complete additional information below

- **Screening location or name of Medical Practice**

- **Approximate Date (Month/Year)**

**I have read and I understand the information about Registration on the back of this form and I hereby consent to the inclusion of my personal details and information relating to my Q Fever immune status in the Australian Q Fever Register.**

_Signed_  _Date:_  

_A Q FEVER NUMBER CAN NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS THIS FORM IS FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED_

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**What to do with this form**

The completed form should be submitted to the Australian Q Fever Register together with your Q Fever Pre-screening and Vaccination form and (optionally) a copy of your Q Fever serology report.

**Preferred method** of submission is Upload through the Q Fever website. Forms may also be sent by email, faxed or posted. Forms must only be submitted once.

Please do not return the _Terms and Conditions_ to the Australian Q Fever Register – these pages are intended to be read before signing.

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**Australian Q Fever Register**

- **Help Line**  1300 QFEVER (1300 733 837)
- **Fax**  (07) 3547 8444
- **Email**  register@qfever.org
- **Mail**  Australian Q Fever Register
  - PO Box 3403
  - TINGALPA DC  QLD  4173

AUS-MEAT’s privacy statement for the Q Fever Register is available at [www.qfever.org/privacy](http://www.qfever.org/privacy).
I understand that:

1) The information that may be held by the Register includes: name, date of birth, postal address, email address, type of job, date of any Q Fever vaccination administered, date and results of any Q Fever tests performed, date of laboratory confirmation of any diagnosis of Q Fever disease.

2) I will be issued with an electronic Q Fever report which includes my name, date of birth, Q Fever Register Number, Q Fever testing dates and results, and Q Fever immune status and/or vaccination details. I will also have an opportunity to correct any errors.

3) Employers (meat processors) will be able to access information on this form, and my Q Fever screening test results and Q Fever vaccination details, held by the Register for the purpose of confirming my immune status.
   - Employers can only access my information if they know my full name, date of birth and Register Number.
   - Employers can only find my Register Number if:
     i) I tell them, or
     ii) They electronically submit the information in this consent form to the Register using the Internet.

4) If I have been previously tested or vaccinated, my employer or doctor may contact the site at which the screening/vaccination took place and request copies of my relevant medical records.

5) The information on this form, and my Q Fever screening test results and Q Fever vaccination details, will be either submitted to the Register by my current employer or medical clinic (after which the completed forms will be lodged with the Register) or sent by me directly to the Register. Information may be submitted, and my details accessed, over the Internet. Secure connections and passwords ensure that only authorised persons are able to submit information to or access information from the Register. Copies of all personal documentation sent to the Register will be kept securely.

6) The information on this form, and my Q Fever screening test results and Q Fever vaccination details, is being collected for the Register on behalf of AMPC by AUS-MEAT and may be transferred to a person or body outside the State or Territory in which you are located. I have a right to request access to any of my information that is held by AUS-MEAT from time to time.

7) If I wish to know what details are recorded in the Register, my Register Number, to request another Q Fever report, or correct errors in or update the Register, I may call the Q Fever Register Help-Line. I must identify myself using my name, date of birth, and answer the Security Question selected on this form.

8) I may request for my details to be permanently removed from the Register at any time by ringing the Register Help-Line.

9) Summary information including the total number of people in the Register that have been tested, vaccinated or diagnosed may be released publicly for the purpose of monitoring the disease, but such information will not contain the names or details of individual persons.

10) De-identified information in the Register may be used for the purpose of research into Q fever, subject to clearance by an Ethics Committee.

11) My personal information will not be released or sold for any commercial or marketing purpose. No information will be released to any government authorities except in the following circumstances:
   - where a government authority acts as a registered screening and vaccination service provider, or
   - where there are reasonable grounds to believe that disclosure is necessary to prevent a threat to life or health.

Information for Employers and Medical Practitioners

Please provide a copy of this form to all employees/patients involved in Q Fever screening and vaccination programs, along with a copy of the Fact Sheet - Q Fever and the Australian Q Fever Register, and invite them to participate in the Register.

Note that a fully completed and signed consent form is required for submission of information to the Register, along with evidence of testing and vaccination status.

Detailed instructions for how to submit completed paperwork to the Register can be found on the Register website or by calling the Register Help Line. Please do not submit forms more than once.

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