



Workplace Health

Policy for Researchers Using Vaccinia Virus

Workplace Health does not provide Vaccinia immunization or post-immunization follow up for researchers working with vaccinia virus.

Persons who have received vaccinia immunization should not come to Workplace Health or the UWO Family Practice Clinic at any time during the period of post-immunization viral shedding. This is based upon the potential risk to patients (particularly infants and children) in the Clinic waiting area.

Presently, (as of fall 2007) Dr. David Colby has agreed to undertake the immunization and follow up of researchers working with vaccinia.

Persons immunized for vaccinia must be cautioned regarding viral shedding following immunization and the potential risk to others from post-immunization viral shedding.

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