



# Information found on GHS Health & Wellness Site

## **Who We Are**

Employee Health provides health care focused on the prevention and treatment of health conditions related to work; and ensuring that individuals are healthy and safe to perform their job activities in their specific work environment.

## **Mission**

Protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of employees in the work environment; protect the work environment, including co-workers and patients, from conditions that may make someone unsafe to perform their duties; provide the highest quality of occupational health care, which is both accessible and of the highest quality.

## **Services We Provide**

- Preplacement Health Screens
- TB Screening Program
- Vaccinations
- Respirator Screening
- Return to Work Visits
- Blood Borne Pathogen Exposures
- Exposure Evaluations
- On-the-Job Injuries
- Sick Visits

## **Wellness**

GradyWell – our employee wellness program - focuses on three aspects of wellness: Body, Mind, and Money. By achieving a well-balanced lifestyle in each of these areas, you can succeed and develop a happy and healthy state of being.

Our goal is to help you take an active role in your physical and mental health.

# FAQs

**I have been working at Grady for 5 years and turned in “those papers and documents” when I started. Now, I am getting delinquent notices that Employee Health doesn't have it. Where is it? What did Employee Health do with it? How did Employee Health lose it?**

The Employee Health and Wellness Center began its transition to EPIC / Electronic Medical Records (EMR) in the late fall of 2020. This means translating paper records for the entire Grady Health System workforce into an EMR. With the transition and relocation of Employee Health, many files are now off-site at storage.

**I call Employee Health and NEVER get an answer! What is the phone number? How do I contact A PERSON?!!!!**

## **Location / Hours**

Lobby Level (GA021)

## **Employee Appointment Scheduling Line**

Call (404) 616-2500, Monday-Friday from 6 AM – 11 PM, or email us at [employeehealth@gmh.edu](mailto:employeehealth@gmh.edu)

**What is the point of Employee Health requesting all these items?**

Employee Health requirements are established based on CDC, OSHA, and NIOSH guidelines. Employee Health is here to protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of employees in the work environment.

**The Employee Health nurse called me to come in for a visit because I had an injury or blood and bodily fluid exposure. I already went to the ED. Why do I need to see Employee Health?**

After an employee is seen in the ED for an injury, follow-up is needed in the Employee Health clinic to initiate/continue treatment and monitoring for Post Exposure Prophylaxis if needed.

A follow-up appointment is also needed to complete the paperwork and referral process to Worker's compensation approved Occupational medicine clinics to continue your medical evaluation and treatment.

## **Hepatitis B vaccines**

### **Why do I need a Hepatitis B Booster? My Titer was positive (+) back in the late 90s and early 2000s.**

Over time immunity to vaccines can decline. If your recent Hepatitis B Titer returned negative, it means you may no longer be immune to Hepatitis B. CDC guidelines recommend giving a Hepatitis B vaccine to boost your immunity. This vaccine will help in the protection against contracting Hepatitis B in the event you are exposed to blood or bodily fluid infected with Hepatitis B.

### **How long do I have to complete my Hepatitis B series, including my Titer?**

Hepatitis B vaccine series, if needed based on immunization history and/or titer results, can be in process when students start as it takes 6 months to complete. "Next due" dates should be maintained to ensure the student completes the series and titers are drawn at the appropriate time.

### **Vaccine Exemptions Requests (Non-Grady Employees)**

An exemption request for any vaccines (Influenza, MMR, Hepatitis, Varicella, Tdap) would need to be approved by the University. Documentation of the vaccine exemption approval submitted to Employee Health on University letterhead. Grady will honor the approval or denial made by the University.

\*The student will use the vaccine exemption request form from the University. The Grady vaccine exemption request form should not be used.