

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE**  
**ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM**



**HBV AWARENESS & REQUIREMENT FOR VACCINATION FORM**

As an athletic training student, there will be situations in which you are exposed to blood and other bodily fluids through your interactions with student-athletes within your supervised clinical experiences. One area of concern for individuals with heightened exposure involves the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV). HBV is a serious viral infection that affects the liver and can lead to many unpleasant signs/symptoms. In addition, chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure, and even death may occur once infected. The disease is transmitted by blood and/or bodily fluids and many people will have no symptoms once they develop the disease. However, this disease is completely preventable. HBV vaccines are available to all age groups to prevent HBV infection. A series of three (3) doses of HBV vaccine over a six (6) month period are required for optimal protection. The HBV vaccine has a record of safety and is believed to provide lifelong immunity in most cases.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that due to my exposure to blood or potentially infectious materials within my clinical experiences, I may be at risk of acquiring the Hepatitis B Virus. However, I acknowledge that the HBV vaccination is a requirement for the Texas A&M University-Commerce Athletic Training Education Program and will seek inoculation as soon as possible. I also understand that in regards to working with athletes, my educational opportunities may be limited until proof of the HBV vaccine is provided. I am aware that without this vaccine I am potentially running a risk of acquiring HBV.

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ATS Signature

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