Hepatitis B Vaccinations:

ALL Athletic Training Students who are part of UD’s ATEP will have their medical records reviewed by Student Health Services staff to insure that they are in accordance with all University of Delaware policies regarding immunizations (http://www.udel.edu/ExecVP/policies/safety_and_security/7-35.html) Specifically, UD’s ATEP is most concerned with the appropriate Hepatitis B vaccinations. Any student identified as not having undergone the appropriate vaccination schedule will be given the opportunity to partake in the vaccination process. Students who wish not to participate in the vaccination process may decline the vaccination series and will be asked to sign a declination form (see UD’s Office of Environmental Health and Safety). Students opting to get vaccinated will have those expenses paid for by UD ATEP. Students are encouraged to utilize UD Student Health Services to keep costs at a minimum.

Tuberculosis Screening:

Athletic Training Students are involved in a variety of clinical rotations both on and off campus. As a result, students may be exposed to the tuberculosis (TB) toxin. In an effort to monitor a student’s exposure to TB, a PPD (purified protein derivative) skin test will be performed on ALL Athletic Training Students assigned to off-campus clinical sites each semester. The test will be performed by the clinical staff at the Sports Medicine Clinic (an extension of UD Student Health Services). All costs associated with this procedure will be covered by UD ATEP.

Flu Vaccines:

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease, which can spread from person to person through coughing or sneezing and can lead to pneumonia and be dangerous for people with heart or breathing conditions. Flu vaccine is the best way to prevent infection, but it is necessary to be re-vaccinated each year because flu viruses change each year. Because Athletic Training Students are often in close contact with a variety of patients in numerous clinical environments throughout the flu season they may wish to get vaccinated. However, flu shorts are optional and any expense associated with the vaccination process will be the responsibility of the students.