



**GALENA FIRE DEPARTMENT
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HEPATITIS B VACCINATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DECLINATION, OR ACCEPTANCE

GFD members are offered an opportunity to be vaccinated with the hepatitis B vaccine, free of charge.

A form is shared with all members to be acknowledged and signed by Galena Fire Department members as they choose to DECLINE or to ACCEPT the hepatitis B vaccination, which is offered by the Department for members. This statement can be signed only by the member, and only after the member has been provided appropriate information regarding hepatitis B, the hepatitis B vaccination, the efficacy, safety, method of administration, the availability of the vaccine, and cost of the vaccine (free to members). All members will receive specific information on Hepatitis B so that an informed decision can be made.

This statement is not a waiver. Members who initially do not accept the vaccination can request and receive the hepatitis B vaccination at a later date if they remain occupationally at risk for hepatitis B. Members must understand that due to his/her occupational exposure to blood or other potential infectious materials, he/she may be at a heightened risk of contact to the hepatitis B virus infection. Immunization for hepatitis B does not provide immunity for other forms of hepatitis. The following is a representation of the declination or acceptance form that members are asked to sign:

***I DECLINE the hepatitis B vaccination** at this time, with the understanding that, due to my occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge. However I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If, in the future, I continue to have occupational exposure, to blood and other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.*

OR

***I ACCEPT the hepatitis B vaccination** as provided by the Galena Fire Department. I have received information relating to Hepatitis, and I understand that accepting this vaccine is entirely voluntary.*