

UAB Student Health Services TB Testing Policy

Non-Clinical Domestic Students

*Applies to students with a **YES** answer to any question on the Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire

- Tuberculin Skin Test** (PPD) within three months of matriculation
- OR**
- IGRA** (T-Spot or QFT-G) blood test within three months of matriculation
 - ❖ Either result negative= compliant
 - ❖ Either result positive:
 - Those with a positive PPD may elect to have a follow-up IGRA and UAB High Risk and Annual TB Questionnaire and if both are negative then no further action is necessary, or student may elect to follow next option
 - If positive skin test or IGRA result, Chest X-Ray** and UAB TB High Risk and Annual Questionnaire required within 3 months of matriculation.
 - Positive Chest X-ray***
 - To JCDH for mandatory initiation of therapy
 - Yearly High risk TB Questionnaire thereafter
 - Negative Chest X-Ray
 - Elect prophylactic therapy and complete
 - Yearly UAB High Risk TB Questionnaire thereafter
 - Elect no prophylactic therapy
 - Yearly Chest X-Ray
 - Yearly UAB High Risk TB Questionnaire

** All TB testing and Chest X-rays must be performed in the U.S.

*** If positive test result student must use the UAB TB Testing Form available at _____ and take to a medical provider for testing and evaluation.

****It is highly recommended that all students with a positive TB test (PPD or IGRA) but with a normal Chest X-Ray, representing **Latent TB (Infected but No active Disease)** receive optional prophylactic therapy to reduce the risk of TB infection progressing to active TB disease.

*** **If a past or current chest x-ray positive for tuberculosis, proof of completion or initiation of appropriate therapy is required, and the student will not be allowed on campus until cleared by the Jefferson County Department of Health and UAB Student Health Services.**

Non-Clinical International Students***

- Two step PPD required (performed in the USA) or a Quantiferon (blood test), within 3 months of matriculation
 - a) Negative = complete
 - b) Positive = CXR (at JCDH)
 - Positive = to JCDH for Rx
 - Yearly TB Questionnaire* thereafter
 - Negative =
 - Elect prophylactic INH and complete Rx
 - Yearly Questionnaire* thereafter
 - Elect no prophylactic INH

- Yearly CXR and TB Questionnaire* **OR**
- Yearly Sputum (at JCDH) and TB Questionnaire*

Clinical Students

1. Domestic Students***

- Two step PPD required **OR** documentation of negative PPD within prior 12 months and an updated one step PPD **within 3 months**, or a Quantiferon (blood test) within 3 months of matriculation
 - ❖ Example: Negative PPD July 2009, now July 2010 requires a one step for July 2010 **within 3 months** of matriculation
 - ❖ Example: Negative PPD January 2009 only, now February 2010 or later requires a two step PPD **within 3 months** of matriculation
- a) Negative = annual one step PPD or Quantiferon (blood test) thereafter
- b) Positive = CXR (at JCDH)
 - Positive = to JCDH for Rx
 - Yearly TB Questionnaire* thereafter
 - Negative =
 - Elect prophylactic INH and complete Rx
 - Yearly Questionnaire* thereafter
 - Elect no prophylactic INH
 - Yearly CXR and TB Questionnaire* **OR**
 - Yearly Sputum (at JCDH) and TB Questionnaire*

2. International Students***

- Two step PPD required (performed in the USA and **within 3 months** of matriculation) or a Quantiferon (blood test) **within 3 months** of matriculation
 - a) Negative = annual one step PPD or Quantiferon (blood test) thereafter
 - b) Positive = CXR (at JCDH)
 - Positive = to JCDH for Rx
 - Yearly TB Questionnaire* thereafter
 - Negative =
 - Elect prophylactic INH and complete Rx
 - Yearly Questionnaire* thereafter
 - Elect no prophylactic INH
 - Yearly CXR and TB Questionnaire* **OR**
 - Yearly Sputum (at JCDH) and TB Questionnaire*

*Any positive TB Questionnaire requires referral to JCDH for evaluation

*** Students with a history of a positive PPD, followed by a negative CXR **and** negative T-spot/Quantiferon, and a negative TB Questionnaire

- Requires an updated TB Questionnaire and T-spot/Quantiferon, performed within **3 months** of visiting, all performed in the United States.
- If either is positive, requires a CXR, performed in the United States, taken since the last positive TB test/Questionnaire but within **3 months** prior to visiting, and if positive, proof of initiation of appropriate therapy is required, and the student will not be allowed on campus until cleared by the JCDH and UAB Student Health Services.

📄 Students with a history of a positive PPD or Quantiferon (blood test) and proof of completed appropriate therapy

- An initial CXR
 - Negative = yearly TB Questionnaire thereafter
 - Positive = to JCDH

📄 Students with a history of a positive PPD or Quantiferon (blood test) and **NO** proof of completed appropriate therapy

- To JCDH for evaluation

📄 Non-reactive (negative) TB skin tests or chest x-ray reports done outside the USA will not be accepted

📄 Short term (3 months or less) clinical and International students TB screening requirements can be accessed on the UAB Immunization website