I. PURPOSE & INTENT

The University of South Florida System (USF System) is committed to maximizing the health, safety, and wellbeing of the entire campus community. We recognize that successful work and study requires a healthy work force and student body. As such, the USF System periodically reviews national and international public health guidelines to ensure the wellbeing of the entire community.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Testing Requirements

All international students and U.S.-born students residing at an address outside of the U.S. at the time of application (regardless of the number of credits they are taking) are required to be screened for tuberculosis (TB) prior to matriculating at a USF System institution. This policy will not apply to non-U.S. students registered exclusively for on-line classes who can demonstrate that they will not attend classes or come on to the USF campus.

B. Acceptable Medical Documentation of TB Screening

There are three different acceptable screening tests for TB.

Prior to attending any classes within the USF System, students as described in Section A. above must present documentation to the appropriate USF System office (Student Health Services in Tampa or Student Affairs on the other System campuses) that confirms they have completed ONE of the tests below. If not, the student must submit to such testing at Student Health Services or another healthcare facility.

1. Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST): A Tuberculosis Skin Test by PPD or Mantoux must have been completed within the last six months. PPDs must have been read within 48-72 hours of administration. Documentation of the results must be listed in “mm” and must indicate whether negative or positive.

2. Quantiferon Gold Testing (QFT): Submit a copy of the laboratory report.
3. **T spot Testing**: Submit a copy of the laboratory report.

C. **Results**

Students who submit documentation showing that their initial screening was negative need not take any further action prior to registering for classes.

If the test results obtained prior to arrival were positive, the student is required to provide documentation that a follow up chest X-ray was done and the documentation must have a physician signature. If a follow up x-ray was not completed, the student will be required to obtain a chest X-ray prior to attending classes. The student will be cleared to attend class and live in the residence halls if there is no evidence of active tuberculosis. Otherwise, the student will not be cleared to attend class or live in the residence halls.

If the student isn’t screened for TB until arriving in this country, and a positive result is obtained, he or she will be required to obtain a chest X-ray prior to attending classes. The results of the X-ray will need to be submitted to the USF Tampa Student Health Services.

The student will be cleared to attend class and live in the residence halls if there is no evidence of active tuberculosis. Otherwise, the student will not be cleared to attend class or live in the residence halls. All TB screening documentation will be securely maintained by Student Health Services on the Tampa campus.

D. **Failure to Comply**

Students who fail to comply with the requirements as stated above (either with regards to the TB test or the required chest X-ray) will be blocked from registration, restricted from on-campus housing assignment, and/or a registration hold will be placed on their record. In specific circumstances a temporary override may be granted. However, TB screening requirements must be completed before further registration in subsequent terms will be permitted and current registration may be suspended if a deficiency in TB screening remains.

*Current Responsible Office: Student Success*

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.*

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