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I. Policy

All international students, initially enrolling for or attending classes, training sessions, or special programs on the USC Upstate campus must be screened for tuberculosis (TB).

TB screening programs will be operated by Health Services. These programs will be based upon recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) Tuberculosis (TB) Control regulations.

II. Procedure

1. TB screening may be accomplished prior to arrival on campus. Screening must be conducted and reported in accordance with procedures published on the University Immunization Form. The purified protein derivative (PPD) test will be used for initial tuberculosis screening via the Mantoux method.
2. International and designated others who report to campus without a TB clearance will be directed to report to Health Services for evaluation and possible tuberculosis skin testing (TST).
3. Students who report to campus with documentation of a positive TB skin test (TST) result or who test positive at Health Services, may be referred for chest x-ray and to Spartanburg County Health Department (SCHD) for additional testing and possible therapeutic intervention by SC DHEC TB Control.

Students will not be allowed to register for classes until a TB clearance is issued by SCHD. Compliance with required post-screening testing, treatment regimens, and monitoring is mandatory under South Carolina law.