

Tuberculosis Policy

The following policy outlines the requirements for students who must provide proof of TB clearance every year:

PPD Negative

- PPD Negative students will repeat the PPD test yearly.

New PPD Positive

- Obtain CXR within 7 days of PPD reading
- Complete TB questionnaire and be evaluated by a healthcare professional
- Refer to the local health department for TB prophylaxis

Known PPD Positive

- At first encounter, the PPD positive patient must have a negative CXR within the past 365 days (plus or minus 5 days) or the patient must go for a new CXR.
- Complete the TB questionnaire and be evaluated by a healthcare provider
 - CXR will be obtained if indicated
- Refer to local health department for TB prophylaxis if not previously completed

Subsequent Annual Chest Clearance for PPD Positive

- Complete the TB questionnaire and be evaluated by a healthcare provider – CXR if indicated
- If no or incomplete antibiotic prophylaxis and negative questionnaire, send for CXR every three years.
- If documented completion of TB antibiotic prophylaxis, the patient does not have to repeat the CXR if the questionnaire is entirely negative.