TB Screening for International Students

Do you know…
All new international students need to complete TB screening at MSU!

Ask your group leader for your screening schedule at Orientation!

• What is it?
   A one-time QuantiFERON-TB Gold blood test

• WHY?
   To protect students’ health and safety and to ensure the continuity of students’ education, MSU requires all newly entering international students to complete TB screening at MSU.

• When to take it?
   During orientation sessions. Your orientation group leader will give you a date, time, and location for your TB screening. You must attend your assigned TB screening session. Failure to comply with the TB screening requirement will affect your ability to register and enroll.

• Who will perform TB screening?
The University Physician’s Office and the MSU Student Health Center

• Fee?
   A $40.00 fee for TB screening will be billed to your student account

Here is what will happen when you go for TB screening

Verify
• A staff member will verify that you are in the electronic patient scheduling database, or enter you into the database if needed.

Blood test
• A healthcare professional will draw a small amount of blood (3ml) from you.

Result
• The University Physician’s Office healthcare providers will review the results.

Email report*
• You will receive your test results in your MSU email.

Follow-up**
• Attend follow-up appointments if necessary.

Email report*
• All results will be kept confidential as required by U.S. laws.

Follow-up**
• Your immigration/student status will not be affected by the results of the screening process.

** Most insurance policies will cover some or all of these costs. Please review your individual insurance policy to determine what specific services are covered. The University will help you arrange for any necessary follow-up testing or treatment.

Why QuantiFERON-TB Gold blood test?

• One-time visit: It’s fast and convenient. The blood test only involves one visit while the skin test requires two visits. Blood test saves you time and trouble.

• More accurate: It’s a more accurate test than the skin test and is not affected by previous BCG vaccination, which we know has been a concern for students in the past.

Questions? Please email the University Physician’s Office at uphys@msu.edu