University Requirement: Tuberculosis Test
Introduction

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- Wilce Student Health Center
- Department of Preventive Medicine
- Job Duties:
  - Tuberculosis testing for international students
  - Healthcare professional vaccinations
  - Ohio State Vaccination Requirement
  - Orientations, mass vaccine clinics, laboratory clearance
Tuberculosis Testing

How to complete and submit the mandatory Tuberculosis test that is required of new and returning international students
Tuberculosis (TB) is a highly contagious infectious disease that mainly affects your lungs.

Tuberculosis is caused by bacteria that can be easily spread through droplet transfer = coughing and sneezing.

Certain countries have higher incidences of Tuberculosis infection than others.

There is a vaccine to help prevent Tuberculosis infection, but it is not always effective especially as an adult.
To prevent the spread of Tuberculosis on The Ohio State University’s campuses, all international students are required to complete Tuberculosis testing upon arrival to an Ohio State campus (including branch campuses).
Who is required to have a TB test?

- All international students who are new to The Ohio State University and have an F-1 or J-1 visa
- All international students who are returning to The Ohio State University after spending one semester or more outside of the US (does not include summer break)
- All international students who are switching from an undergraduate degree program to a graduate degree program
Tuberculosis Testing

**Distance Learning Exemption**

- The Tuberculosis testing requirement is **ONLY** for students who will be living in the United States this semester.

- If you are taking online classes and/or living in your home country or outside of the US, your Tuberculosis testing requirement is **deferred** until you are able to successfully travel to and study within the US.
Tuberculosis Testing

The Tuberculosis Testing Requirement

Students are required to complete **ONE** of the options below:

• **Tuberculosis skin test**
  • Also called a PPD skin test
  • Must be completed within six (6) months of the semester start date
  • Negative results are normal
  • Positive results are abnormal and a follow-up chest x-ray is required afterwards

• **Tuberculosis blood test**
  • Also called a QFT-G or IGRA
  • Must be completed within six (6) months of the semester start date
  • Negative results are normal
  • Positive results are abnormal and a follow-up chest x-ray **and doctor’s visit** is required
It is strongly encouraged that students complete their Tuberculosis test in their home country **BEFORE** their arrival to the University.
How to Submit Documentation

- All students who are able to complete their Tuberculosis test before their arrival to the University must submit documentation of the test to satisfy the requirement.

- Have your doctor complete the official Ohio State Vaccination Requirement form, which can be found [here](#).

- Documentation can be submitted on the My BuckMD secure web portal through the Wilce Student Health Center website.
To access the My BuckMD secure web portal, please go to the website:

https://shs.osu.edu/my-buckmd1

(To login to My BuckMD, use your Ohio State name.# and password)
Required Tasks in My BuckMD

Make sure to complete BOTH of the following tasks in My BuckMD:

• **Upload TB test documents**
  - Select “Document Upload” from top navigation bar
  - Select “Vaccination Requirement – New OSU Students” as document type
  - Add the necessary document and save

• **Complete Electronic Forms**
  - Select “My Forms” from top navigation bar
  - Answer questions in Virtual Health Screen Appointment form
  - Complete any additional electronic forms that are listed

Tuberculosis Testing

The Ohio State University
Unable to complete TB test before arrival?

- If you are unable to complete a Tuberculosis test before your arrival to the US, you will have the opportunity to complete one at the Wilce Student Health Center during the first few weeks of the semester.
  - This will require an in-person visit to the Columbus campus student health center
- You will receive an email message sometime during the first few weeks of classes with information on how to schedule an appointment for a Tuberculosis blood test
Unable to complete TB test before arrival?

- You must wait for the email from SL SHS Preventive Medicine before you can schedule and complete your Tuberculosis test at the Student Health Center.

- No consequences for waiting until after classes start to complete the TB test.

- Completing the test on your own before you receive our email will require you to use your own insurance and pay for the test on your own (~$200 for TB blood test).
Failure to complete the University’s Tuberculosis testing requirement during your first semester will result in an academic hold on your BuckeyeLink account, which will prevent you from scheduling new classes at Ohio State.
University Vaccination Requirement
The Ohio State University Vaccination Requirement

How to complete and submit the mandatory vaccinations that are required of new international students
Ohio State's Vaccination Requirement

- In addition to the Tuberculosis testing requirement, new international students are required to submit proof of their vaccinations to the University during their first year.
- Vaccinations help prevent the spread of highly infectious diseases on campus and throughout our communities.
- Vaccinations are given routinely in most countries from the time you are born and continue throughout adolescence and adulthood.
Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

Who is required to submit vaccinations?

- All **NEW** students (domestic and international) are required to submit vaccinations for a specific list of diseases during their first year of attendance.

- Once the Vaccination Requirement is complete, it is not required again even after a leave of absence or a change of degree-levels.
Required Vaccinations for International Students:

- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (if younger than 22 years of age)
- Polio (if younger than 18 years of age)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Varicella

- Tuberculosis testing is also required for international students
Many vaccinations are given routinely starting in early childhood and continuing throughout adolescence. Please check your medical records to see if you have already received the required vaccinations.
Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

How to Submit Documentation

• All students must submit documentation of their vaccinations in order to satisfy the Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

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Ohio State Vaccination Requirement

Required Tasks in My BuckMD

Make sure to complete BOTH of the following tasks in My BuckMD:

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  - Select “Document Upload” from top navigation bar
  - Select “Vaccination Requirement – New OSU Students” as document type
  - Add the necessary document and save

- **Complete Electronic Forms**
  - Select “My Forms” from top navigation bar
  - Answer questions in Vaccination Requirement – International Student form
  - Complete any additional electronic forms that are listed
It is highly recommended for students to receive all remaining vaccinations **BEFORE** their arrival to The Ohio State University.

If necessary, remaining vaccinations can be received at the Wilce Student Health Center during your first year.

- This will require an in-person visit to the Columbus campus student health center.

You can schedule an appointment for vaccinations online via My BuckMD or by calling 614-292-4321.
Exemption Option

• There is an option to exempt from one or more of the required vaccinations
  • Requires either a medical reason, or personal/religious contradiction
• No consequence for exempting from a certain vaccine
• Requires a form to be completed
  • Must be signed by a medical provider or signed by a notary public
• International students CANNOT exempt from the TB requirement
• Please contact Health Information Services for more info
Tuberculosis Questions?

Please contact:

The Department of Preventive Medicine
Phone number: (614) 247-2387
Email: preventivemedicine@osu.edu
Vaccination Questions?

Please contact:

Health Information Services
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