



## Aultman Student Experience Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Information

A 2-Step Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) is used to detect individuals with past TB infection who now have diminished skin test reactivity. This procedure will reduce the likelihood that a boosted reaction is later interpreted as a new infection.

**At Aultman, TB testing is required for all student experiences and is done at the expense of the student; this requirement is not able to be waived.** TB testing can be completed at a primary care physician's office, the health department, occupational medicine provider (i.e. Aultworks) or college/university health services.

### What Types of TB Tests are Accepted?

- **Current 2-Step TST**

- Valid for 1 year; must be valid for the duration of the student experience.
- Please note that this can be a time-consuming process (minimum 9 days, maximum 24 days), so please plan your testing process; accordingly, untimely testing and failure to submit documentation in a timely manner can result in a delay in a student experience. Below is a guide to assist you in planning your 2-Step TB Testing.

#### 2-Step TST Guide

Visit Number	Day	Description of Visit
Visit 1	Day 1	The first skin test ( <b>step 1</b> ) is administered, and the student is told to return in 48-72 hours for the test to be read.
Visit 2	Day 3-4	The first skin test is evaluated and documented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If <b>negative</b>, the student is given an appointment to return for the second skin test within 7-21 days of the first skin test.</li><li>• If <b>positive</b>, the student will be referred for a TB blood test.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If <b>positive</b>, advise with Aultman Health Services.</li></ul></li></ul>
Visit 3	Day 7-21	The second skin test ( <b>step 2</b> ) is administered on the opposite arm and the student is told to return in 48-72 hours for the test to be read.
Visit 4	Day 23-24	The second skin test is evaluated and documented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If <b>negative</b>, the student is cleared to begin their experience.</li><li>• If <b>positive</b>, the student will be referred for a TB blood test.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If <b>positive</b>, advise with Aultman Health Services.</li></ul></li></ul>

- **Past 2-Step TST with 1-Step TST every year since the 2-Step TST was completed**

- Each 1-Step TST is valid for 1 year, and the most current must be valid for the duration of the student experience.
- There must not be any lapse in testing.
- **Current TB Blood Test**
  - Acceptable blood tests include: TSPOT, QuantiFERON-TB Gold+
  - Valid for 1 year; must be valid for the duration of the student experience

*For positive TB blood test results or other situations not addressed in guidelines outlined above (i.e., previous positive reaction to TB test), further guidance will be obtained from Aultman Health Services.*

TB testing expires 1 year from the date of the last test read (i.e. if the last test read was 8/14/2019, your TB test expires on 8/14/2020). If you wish to continue your student experience or complete an additional experience, you will be required to complete a new TB test in order to do so.

### **Required TB Testing Documentation**

Documentation will need to be obtained from the facility that performs the TB test(s) so that you can attach it to your student experience application. Please ensure that the following information is on the documentation:

- Student Name (first and last)
- Facility Name
- Date Test(s) Administered
- Date Test Read
- Test Results

Once all TB testing is complete and documentation is obtained, please complete your student experience application and attach all applicable TB testing documentation to the application. You will not be able to complete the application without attaching TB documentation.

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**If you have any questions, please contact the Student Experiences Coordinator at [studentexperiences@aultman.com](mailto:studentexperiences@aultman.com).**