



Tuberculosis Screening Information 2-Step TB Test Information

1. If you have not had a Tuberculosis (TB) skin test within the previous 12 months, you need to have a 2-Step TB test.
2. Directions for 2-Step TB Test: two PPD (Mantoux) skin tests need to be performed at least one week apart with the results documented on the Health Appraisal form. Each TB test requires two visits as each test must be read 48-72 hours after it is placed.
3. If you have had a negative Tuberculosis (TB) skin test within the past 12 months, you must have documentation on file at the Nursing program office. You must also obtain another TB test which will be considered the second of the 2-Step test. The date of the second test becomes the anniversary date by which your annual TB test is due. If you are late completing the next year's TB test (even by 1 day) you must complete another 2-Step test.
4. If you have ever had a positive Tuberculosis (TB) skin test in the past, you should not have any more TB tests. Instead, you must provide documentation to the Nursing program of a clear chest x-ray (defined as negative for active tuberculosis) taken no more than 6 months prior to admission.
5. IMPORTANT: If you require an MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization and also need a 2-Step TB test, have the first TB test done by itself, then receive the MMR with the second TB test. Otherwise, the MMR can invalidate the results of the second TB test and you will have to wait 6 weeks to repeat it.
6. Please remember to take your immunization record with you to show to the medical provider who will perform your physical exam and complete your Health Appraisal form. These services can be provided either by your personal physician or by Student Health Services at CSU Channel Islands.