

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – STUDENT AFFAIRS

POLICY NUMBER – SA 7.12

POLICY TITLE – TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING AND MEDICAL CLEARANCE POLICY

SCOPE OF POLICY – USC UPSTATE

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER – DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – VICE CHANCELLOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

PURPOSE

This policy addresses requirements and recommendations for incoming students that will minimize the sources and transmission of infections on USC Upstate campus. Tuberculosis (TB) is a global infectious disease, and a reportable illness to the South Carolina Department of Health. Procedures for TB scare based upon recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and South Carolina Department of Health (DPH) Tuberculosis Control guidelines and regulations.

PROCEDURES

1. TB screening and clearance programs will be operated by Health Services.
2. All incoming students must complete the HS Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Questionnaire located within the Clearances section of the MyHealth electronic medical records portal.
3. Individuals with identified risk factors for tuberculosis exposure will be advised for further evaluation, and testing may be recommended in accordance with CDC and DPH guidelines.
4. Individuals who have lived or spent time in areas designated countries or regions identified as increased risk areas for exposure to tuberculosis may be required to submit QuantiFERon or TB spot blood testing.
5. Students who report to campus with documentation of a positive TB skin test (TST) result or who test positive at Health Services, may be referred for chest x-ray and to Spartanburg County Health Department (SCHD) or other area resources for additional testing and possible therapeutic intervention approved by SC DPH TB Control.
6. Individuals who have had known exposure to active tuberculosis, and also have symptoms, must be determined to be clear of active tuberculosis by Health Services prior to any in-person contact with any individuals or facilities on campus, or campus related activities.
7. Health Holds may be placed on student class registration for students who have not met TB clearance requirements outlined above for attendance at USC Upstate.

History of Revisions

October 2024 – Language revisions