



Student Health Services
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Rochester Community & Technical College must comply with Minnesota Department of Health recommendations for tuberculosis screening of post-secondary school students. These call for tuberculosis (TB) screening for all international students originating from areas where TB is endemic. **Specifically, foreign-born persons from high-prevalence areas (e.g., Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, South/Central America) are required to be screened for tuberculosis.** Results of this screening must be on file in RCTC Student Health Services within 45 days of first enrollment.

TB screening involves a test called a Mantoux test. The Mantoux test is given by using a small needle to inject a small amount of solution just under the skin on the inside of the forearm. The area is looked at 2-3 days later to see if a swelling or bump has occurred. The size of the reaction determines if the result is significant. A significant reaction to the test means there are TB germs in the body. If this happens, further testing and treatment is needed. A fact sheet about TB is included with this letter. Please refer to this sheet or contact Student Health Services if you have questions about TB or the Mantoux test.

Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination is NOT a contraindication for tuberculin skin testing; a history of BCG vaccination should be disregarded when interpreting the TST result.

This Mantoux test is available to you through RCTC's Student Health Services for a \$5.00 fee. The test is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. – please call 285-7261, or stop by the Student Health Services office (HS140) to schedule and appointment.

If you choose to obtain this test elsewhere, or if you have been tested for tuberculosis within the past 12 weeks, you must bring documentation of the test results of the test to Student Health Services. A copy of the test results will provide the necessary documentation.