



King's College Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Policy

Purpose: The process of identifying persons at high risk for TB infection or disease who require TB testing. The goal is to protect the health and safety of the students and the campus community.

All in person undergraduate and graduate degree students must complete a TB Risk Screening Questionnaire located in the required immunization form on the student health portal. Students that are identified as having high risk of TB through the screening process are required to have TB testing.

If a student has any question about their risk status or TB testing report submission after completing the form on the portal, they should contact Student Health Services (SHS) by email at studenthealth@kings.edu or by phone at (570) 208-5852 immediately.

If required, TB testing must be completed and submitted within 30 days of arrival to campus.

- New domestic students at high risk must submit a negative TB skin test (TST).
- Returning domestic students who have traveled to an area of TB burden* for more than 30 days in the last 6 months must submit a negative TST upon return to the US.
- New or returning domestic students who were born in an area of TB burden* and/or received a Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine and screened high risk, must obtain an Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) blood test, namely QuantiFERON Gold or T-Spot.
- All new and returning international students who were born in or who have traveled to an area of TB burden* for more than 30 days in the past 6 months must submit an IGRA report. This includes students with a temporary visa attending **classes or internships** on campus. Students taking courses exclusively online for their entire program **are exempt** from this requirement.
- International students coming from an area of low TB burden who screen high risk may obtain a TST. If the student received a Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine, an IGRA must be submitted.
- At times, due to complex and dynamic circumstances, SHS reserves the right to alter TB testing requirements on a case-by-case basis.

*Visit [High TB Burden Country Profiles](#) for more information.

Special Considerations

All international reports for lab work must be printed in English, include date, name, date of birth, and have the signature of a health care provider.

If a chest X-ray was performed because of a positive TB test, a student must provide a written copy of the report in English. The X-ray must be a two-view PA/Lateral.

If a student is currently receiving or has received treatment at any point for active TB disease or latent TB infection, please provide documentation of treatment (past or present). Any current medication should be brought with the student to campus. This will not affect a student's visa.