

# **Tuberculosis Screening for International Students**

## **Freedom from Tubercular (TB) Disease**

### **Groups to be screened for TB**

#### **Mandatory screening**

- All international students must be screened for freedom from tubercular disease (TB) when possible within 10 days of arrival on the ISU campus.

#### **Previously screened students**

- International students who have been previously screened at ISU (or other USA schools) with a TST (TB skin test) may discuss compliance with TB requirements by consultation with Student Health Services (SHS) staff.
- Compliance can be assessed for other unique situations (i.e.; student has CXR films, or other “pertinent paperwork”) by evaluation/consultation with Student Health Services (SHS) staff on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Recommended screening**

- NOTE: International faculty and staff or students, faculty, and staff who are returning from abroad (international study/travel) are encouraged to have TB screening three months after their return. This is primarily for those who have been abroad for six weeks or more. ISU Student Health Services would be available for consultation regarding concerns about potential exposure to TB.

### **Deadlines and consequences of Failure to meet freedom from Tubercular Disease requirements**

- An appointment at SHS for immunization review and TB screening, when possible, should be completed within 10 days of arrival on the ISU campus.
- Any student who has not complied with the immunization requirements by the 10<sup>th</sup> class day of their entering semester will be charged a non-compliance fee and blocked from registering for subsequent semesters.