

506 – Immunizations and Tuberculosis Screening

Purpose:

The purpose of this operational procedure is to specify the vaccination and Tuberculosis screening requirements at Bismarck State College (BSC) to mitigate the risk of exposure on campus.

Immunizations:

Students who seek to enroll in on-campus courses at BSC will be required to provide documented immunity of the following:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
 - Two doses for students with a date of birth prior to 1957.
 - A student may be accepted with proof of one dose provided a second will be received in no less than 28 days.
- Meningococcal Conjugate
 - One dose that protects against strains A, C, Y, and W-135 administered at the age of 16 or older.
 - Required for students 21 years of age and younger.

Please note: Vaccine doses administered up to four days before the minimum interval and minimum age, known as the four-day grace period, are considered valid.

Vaccination documentation will be collected as part of the student's application file for general admission to BSC. This documentation can be sent electronically through the [BSC Admissions Secure File Dropbox](#).

Exemptions to this policy may be granted in accordance with [SBHE Policy 506](#). Students who wish to submit an immunization exemption form can contact the BSC Admissions Office for instructions. This form will be used for general admission to BSC.

Students with vaccination exemptions may be excluded from class, on-campus housing, or campus activities in the event of an outbreak.

Tuberculosis Screening Procedure:

1. Testing Requirements:
 - a. TB testing, as defined as administration of either a Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) or an Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) blood test, will be required



upon arrival of all new international students whose country of citizenship is classified by the World Health Organization (WHO) as having a high burden of TB. This will be a required item on the student's checklist as part of their international student admission file.

- b. This test must be performed in the United States prior to the first day of classes. Testing done outside the US is not valid.
 - i. A list of high burden countries requiring TB screening is located within the [World Health Organization Global Tuberculosis Report](#).
 - ii. Testing is available at the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, 407 S. 26th Street, Bismarck, ND 58504. Appointments are needed and can be made by calling 701-355-1540. Students may seek testing at another U.S. based hospital, clinic, or health agency.
- c. Positive Tuberculin Skin Test requirements:
 - i. Students with a positive tuberculin skin test will be required to provide additional documentation certified by a U.S. medical clinician that their TB poses no health or safety risk to the BSC International Admissions Office.
 - ii. TB blood tests and/or screening are available:
 - a. Sanford Medical Center: 300 N. Seventh St. Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, 701-323-6000.
 - b. CHI St. Alexius: 900 East Broadway, Bismarck, ND 58501, 701-530-7000.
 - c. Essentia Health Mid Dakota Clinic: 401 N 9th St Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, 701-712-4500.
 - d. Western Plains Public Health - Mandan location: 403 Burlington St SE, Mandan, ND 58554, 701-667-3370.
 - iii. *Please note: Students are not limited to the options above and may seek medical attention from other certified health clinicians, contingent testing is done in the United States.*



- The medical TB testing report, certified by a U.S. based clinician, can be sent to the BSC Admissions Office – attn: Bismarck State College Admissions & Enrollment Services, PO Box 5587, Bismarck, ND 58506.
 - TB testing documentation can also be uploaded to the [BSC Admissions Secure File Dropbox](#).
- iv. If additional care is required, students may contact the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health at 701-355-1540 or a local public health authority for subsequent treatment.
 - v. In addition, follow-up treatment may be an aspect of consideration for enrollment at BSC.

2. Consequences of Failure to Meet Requirements:

- a. Failure to comply with these requirements will prevent attendance in on-campus courses until a determination has been made of no public health risk, e.g., contagion.
- b. BSC's Admissions Office will place a hold preventing registration for all students who fall into the required testing categories. The hold will be removed upon completion of all testing requirements. Students will be able to enroll when this hold is removed.
- c. It will be mandatory that the student follow the doctor's prescribed healthcare treatment.
- d. Students are required to make their own arrangements for transportation to medical facilities for testing and/or treatment. Students are also responsible for any costs not covered under the NDUS International Student Health Insurance plan as defined by [ND SBHE Policy 505](#).
- e. For BSC students who are not citizens but have traveled for more than 30 days to a listed high burden country of TB, according to the WHO, must notify the Dean of Enrollment Management. The student will be required to contact Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health or a US-based medical clinician to determine whether TB screening is necessary. A hold will be placed on the student's account until medical documentation from a U.S.-based health agency is submitted to the International Student Admissions Office stipulating the student poses no safety risk to BSC's campus and students.

References:

[SBHE Policy: 506 Immunizations and Tuberculosis Screening](#)

[NDUS Procedure: 506 Immunizations and Tuberculosis Screening](#)

History of This Procedure:

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