

ALERT – TB Clearance Requirement Update - May 23, 2013

On April 12, 2013, the Hawai‘i State Department of Health (DOH) announced the temporary suspension of tuberculosis (TB) clearance requirements that are mandated in Hawai‘i Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 164. This affects students attending postsecondary schools in Hawai‘i, including the University of Hawai‘i campuses. The suspension is in response to a nationwide shortage of the purified protein derivative (PPD) testing solution required for tuberculin skin testing. The DOH anticipates the temporary suspension of state TB requirements may be in effect for up to 120 days or until the PPD solution shortage has ended.

IN RESPONSE TO THE HAWAI‘I DOH ANNOUNCEMENT AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF OUR CAMPUS, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA HAS DECIDED TO:

- 1. CONTINUE TO REQUIRE THAT INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OBTAIN TB CLEARANCE PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR CLASSES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 2013.**
- 2. TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE TB CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING DOMESTIC (U.S.A.) STUDENTS WHO WILL BEGIN CLASSES DURING THE FALL SEMESTER 2013.**

PPD tuberculin skin testing is currently available for **incoming international students** at University Health Services Mānoa.

As testing supplies become more available, UHSM will resume TB health clearance testing for **incoming domestic students**. We strongly encourage all new domestic students to undergo TB testing as soon as possible, as you will not be able to register for Spring Semester 2014 classes until State health clearance requirements have been met.

NOTE: The **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)** health clearance requirements remain unchanged. All newly admitted students for Fall Semester 2013 must provide documentation of MMR requirements before they will be permitted to register for classes.