This is to inform you that your “freedom from tuberculosis” examination is now due. California State Law requires that this examination be completed upon initial employment and every four years thereafter (Ed. Code Section 87408.6).

If you have completed a TB test clearance within 60 days of employment, have the administering nurse send verification to the Student Health Office, SBCC, to verify the date, type of test, and result. We can accept these test results due to their recency.

New employees may have their TB skin tests done (PPD type) by SBCC’s Health Office, SS-170, by appointment. There is no charge to the new employee for this test. These skin tests will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. through each semester. The follow-up reading would be on Wednesday or Thursday. Please call 965-0581, Ext. 2298, for an appointment.

You may also go to your own private physician for the test or x-ray if you prefer. However, if you make this choice, SBCC is not responsible for the cost. Fluoroscopic examinations are not acceptable.

For current employees in need of the four year renewal test, this will be available in the Student Health Office during specific dates at the beginning of each semester. These dates will be published and announced in advance.

If you present proof that you have had a positive skin test in the past, you will need a chest x-ray instead of the skin test. The college is not able to reimburse you for the expense of the x-ray. You may obtain a written order for this x-ray from the SBCC Student Health Office (SS-170/Ext. 2298) and take it to the provider of your choice, or you may obtain written verification from your treating physician of your freedom from tuberculosis.

If you go elsewhere, you are responsible for the following:

1. Setting the appointment with your provider.
2. Returning at the specified time for the follow-up reading.
3. Asking for written verification when the test is completed.
4. Returning this written verification to the Student Health Service Office, SS-170, SBCC.
5. Proof of TB clearance is required before you begin your employment. Failure to comply may result in delay in compensation.

If the skin test is negative, no chest x-ray or other diagnostic test will be required at this time. If the test is positive, you will be given another skin test and/or chest x-ray (14 x 17) to demonstrate freedom from active tuberculosis (fee for x-ray).

*PLEASE NOTE: For TB skin testing you must return within two (2) days to have the skin test read. The TB test is not complete until you return for the follow-up reading. If you have your test done at SBCC and fail to return to have your skin test read, you will be charged for retesting.