

Mandatory TB (tuberculosis)/Mantoux Testing

At skilled care facilities, where CNA clinicals will be completed, OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) has set a requirement in which health care students, who have hands-on care with residents, be tested for TB (tuberculosis).

About the TB Test:

The “Mantoux” test, also known as a tuberculin skin test (TST), is a simple and safe test. A small amount of tuberculin purified protein derivative is injected just under the top layer of skin on a person’s arm, using a small sterile needle and syringe. **The skin reaction (lump) is measured 2-3 days later by a nurse, and the result is recorded as positive or negative.**

TrainND Northeast requires Mantoux testing be completed by CNA students within the 12 months preceding clinical dates and is required to submit the Mantoux testing results to the skilled care facility where you will be attending clinical. **Test results must be turned in to the instructor or TrainND Northeast prior to attending clinical – no exceptions!**

If you had a positive reaction to the Mantoux test, a cleared chest x-ray report within the last five (5) years will need to be provided to TrainND Northeast to provide proof that there is no sign of active disease before you will be cleared to attend clinical.

Testing can be done at your nearest public health office or at your clinic. **Remember, once the test is administered, it must be “read” 48 – 72 hours after administration by the clinic/public health office.**

If you need a copy of the TB history and testing form, contact TrainND Northeast at 701-662-1578 or stop in the office (Rm 203, Bergstrom Technical Center, LRSC) to pick one up.