



**DATE:** November 9, 2009  
**TO:** All New Employees  
**FROM:** Mr. John Tortarolo  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President  
Human Resource Services  
**RE: TUBERCULOSIS TEST LOCATIONS**

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A person shall not be initially employed by Palomar College unless she/he has submitted to an examination **within the last 60 days** to determine that she/he is free of active tuberculosis (California Education Code Section 87408.6). This verification must be renewed every four (4) years.

New and current employees may obtain a tuberculosis examination from one of the below-listed locations. Please call in advance to verify costs and schedules, as changes may have occurred since this schedule was prepared. Skin tests must be read 48-72 hours after the original test is performed.

**PALOMAR COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES**

**San Marcos Campus, 760-744-1150 ext. 2380.** Skin tests are performed Monday – Friday, except Thursdays. If a chest x-ray is required, referrals will be provided. **The cost for the skin test is \$10.** Please call to make an appointment. (Escondido Health Services, **760-432-0624 ext. 8105**)

**NORTH COAST PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER**

**104 South Barnes Street, Oceanside, 760-967-4401.** Skin tests are performed Monday 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, and Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. **The cost is \$8.** Chest x-rays are by appointment only with proof of positive TB test. Call for more information.

**NORTH INLAND PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER**

**606 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-740-4000.** Skin tests are performed Monday and Friday, 8:00 to 11:00 am and 1:00 to 5:00 pm. **The cost is \$8.** Chest x-rays are by appointment only with proof of positive TB test. Call for more information.

**SAN DIEGO HEALTH CENTERS**

**3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego, 619-692-5565.** Skin tests are performed Monday – Friday, except Thursdays, from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 to 4:30 pm. **The cost is \$8.** Chest x-rays are by appointment only with proof of positive TB test. Call for more information.

**5202 University Avenue, San Diego, 619-229-5400.** Skin tests are performed Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. **The cost is \$8.** Chest x-rays are by appointment only with proof of positive TB test. Call for more information.

**2440 Grand Avenue, San Diego, 619-490-4400.** Skin tests are performed Monday – Friday, except Thursdays, from 8:00 to 11:00 am and 1:00 to 4:00 pm. **The cost is \$8.** Chest x-rays are by appointment only with proof of positive TB test. Call for more information.

**VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC**

**981 Vale Terrace, Vista, 760-631-5000.** Skin tests are performed Monday – Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. **The cost is \$8.** No chest x-rays are given at this facility.

**KAISER PERMANENTE**

Kaiser subscribers may receive TB test free of charge without an appointment at the nurse's clinic in Escondido. The hours are 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, except Thursdays.



## **Palomar College Health Services Two-Step Tuberculin Skin Test**

After the age of 55, a person's immune system may have diminished skin reactivity. In order to obtain an accurate test, a two-step test is done.

Health care workers and employees in health care settings may be exposed to infectious tuberculosis on a regular basis. Two-step testing is recommended in circumstances where periodic testing is anticipated. In order to obtain an accurate baseline, an initial two-step tuberculin skin test is performed.

How:

1. Have a skin test
2. Return in 1 week to have your arm checked.
  - a. If your test is positive, you will be referred for a chest x-ray. No further skin test is necessary.
  - b. If your test is negative, you will have a repeat test and return in 48-72 hours to have you arm checked.

Note: The cost of a two-step skin test at Palomar Health Services is \$15 for students and \$20 for non-students.