**PPD Tuberculin Skin Tests and/or chest x-rays must be performed in the United States or Canada.**

**Why?**
It has long been a concern among college health professionals that there is inconsistency in other countries as to the actual product used for PPD testing and in the interpretation of responses to the test. The local health department in Binghamton has recommended that we accept only those skin tests or x-rays performed in this country or Canada.

After careful consideration and consultation with several other offices, including the Office of International Student and Scholar Services Binghamton University agreed to follow that recommendation.

**What Happens Now?**
All new students need to submit the online Medical History form and the Immunization Worksheet [here](#) before arriving on campus for the Fall 2016 semester. If you require a skin test, you will be contacted and will be provided the necessary test at no cost to you. Nurses will interpret the results two or three days after the test is performed. If your result is considered "positive", then a confirmatory blood test called Quantiferon Gold will be done. If that is also positive, you will be sent for a chest x-ray and may be offered preventive medication. **There is no problem with your attendance at school!** If you are found to actually have active tuberculosis (not likely), you might be kept out of classes for a short time until your medicine makes you non-infectious to others. Once that is certain, you will be allowed to return to classes.

**Questions?**
If you have questions about this requirement, or need further information, check the [Decker Student Health Services Center](#) website [here](#). You can also e-mail us at [health.services@binghamton.edu](mailto:health.services@binghamton.edu).

We look forward to meeting you when you arrive at the Binghamton University campus and answering any questions you may have!

Sincerely,
Decker Student Health Services