INFORMATION RE SKIN TESTING AND LIVE IMMUNIZATION VACCINES

Regarding TB skin testing (PPD) for nursing program students at the Student Health Clinic:

- A two-step TB skin test is required for individuals entering the vocational/registered nursing program whose last TB skin test was more than one year ago.

- Students should get PPD at the same time as all other needed live vaccinations (e.g. MMR, Chickenpox). If live vaccines are received at a different time, a six-week timeframe must elapse before PPD can be given.

- The Student Health Center does not charge for either type of PPD skin test.

- The student must return 48 hours after the first TB skin test to the Student Health Clinic for reading and documenting results. The second TB skin test will be repeated 10-12 days from the date of the first one. Please note: Tests are given on Monday and Tuesday and read Wednesday and Thursday. The last day for TB skin test will be Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

- The student must return in 48 hours after the second test for reading and documenting results.

- Students who have a positive reaction to the TB skin test are required to obtain an x-ray before commencing the nursing program.

- If you have ever had a positive skin result or have received BCG in the past, an alternative to skin testing is a chest x-ray. This may be obtained for $45.00 at the EMC Urgent Care Center in Palm Springs or La Quinta. Students must indicate they are with the nursing program at COD and obtain a cash receipt. The result of the x-ray usually takes between one to two weeks. On returning to the school nurse to obtain your result you will need to show your cash receipt.