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Origination

• Joint partnership between the State of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the University of Missouri-Columbia Alumni Center.

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Purpose

• Provide a product that enables Student Health Centers on college campuses to collaborate with Public Health Officials.
  – Building a relationship

• Preparing to handle TB Cases

• Treating those with TB Infection
Purpose (2)

• Prevent unnecessary depletion of resources
  – Staff time
  – Medical supplies

• Prevent outbreaks

• Handle negative media attention

• PREVENT THE SPREAD OF TUBERCULOSIS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES!

Model Policy

• Executive Summary
  – Primer on tuberculosis

• Setting a Tuberculosis Policy
  – Who, How, and When to screen
  – Ensuring compliance
  – Developing a core team
Model Policy (2)

• Setting the Stage for Implementation
  (Broken up into 2 parts):

  – Colleges with a Student Health Center

  – Colleges without a Student Health Center or
    one with limited resources

Model Policy (3)

• Tuberculosis testing
  – Guidelines

• LTBI Diagnosis
  – Other respiratory illnesses
    (Pneumonia, SARS, and Avian Influenza)
  – Public Relations
Model Policy (4)

• LTBI Treatment
  – Guidelines

• Active Tuberculosis
  – Transfer of care to local health department
  – Public Relations

Model Policy (5)

• Financial Implications
  – Costs for colleges
  – Costs for students

• Program Evaluation
  – Database tracking system
    • Simplifies testing, follow-up testing, and treatment surveillance
    • Evaluate the outcomes of implementing a policy
    • Evaluate factors that act as barriers to the initiation or completion of treatment
Model Policy (6)

- **Sample Forms**
  - Sample TB Policy
  - Sample Press Release
  - Letter notifying students of need for TST
  - Additional forms used once LTBI diagnosis is made

Model Policy (7)

- **Patient Education** *(Translated)*
  - TB Symptoms Review List/Medication Side Effects
  - TB Fact Sheet

- **Helpful Resources**
  - Incentives and Enablers
  - Additional Resources

- **Glossary**
In providing a TB Prevention Program for college campuses, the goal is to provide Student Health Centers with a tool that will lead to an efficient and effective response to the spread of tuberculosis on a college campus; more importantly, preventing that spread from ever occurring. It will serve to protect students from a potentially deadly communicable disease.

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Questions???