

**City of Milwaukee Health Department
Marquette University Student Health Services**

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**Marquette University and City of Milwaukee Health Department
Responding to TB case**

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and Marquette University Student Health Services are working together to investigate a case of tuberculosis (TB) infection in a student that was recently reported to local public health authorities. The student is currently receiving appropriate medical care, and is no longer on campus. MHD has been working with Marquette to identify and offer testing to persons who may have been exposed to TB by this patient. Those persons will be notified where and when they can receive a TB skin test.

Tuberculosis is spread through inhalation of airborne droplets spread through coughing from an infected individual. However, most people (over 90%) who have been exposed to TB never go on to develop symptoms, even if they have a positive skin test. Medications given after exposure can reduce the risk of developing TB disease later in life to 1% or less. Symptoms of TB disease include fever, night sweats, weight loss and persistent cough. TB can be treated with medication once diagnosed. Normally, about 3 % of college students in the United States test positive for previous exposure to TB although the exposure sources are unknown.

The MHD and Marquette will continue to work closely in conducting the joint investigation over the next few days. Members of the Marquette community, including students, faculty, staff, or parents with questions regarding TB or the investigation can call Marquette Student Health Service at 288-7184. Student Health Service is open Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The MHD Tuberculosis Control Clinic is available at 286-8630 on Monday and Thursday between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We will continue to provide necessary updates as events warrant.