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1. Please determine the vaccine status or desire to become vaccinated for all students before enrollment. Many long-term care facilities are not allowing testing in lieu of vaccination. Students who cannot enter a facility for a clinical rotation due to refusal to vaccinate will not meet the requirement to take the certification exam. This constitutes program failure.
2. The CDC has determined that there is no interference with the COVID-19 vaccines and any tuberculin test. The verbiage from the CDC and the link to the information are below:

“COVID-19 vaccination should not be delayed because of testing for tuberculosis (TB) infection. Testing for TB infection with one of the immune-based methods, either the [tuberculin skin test \(TST\)](#) or an [interferon release assay \(IGRA\)](#), can be done before, after, or during the same encounter as COVID-19 vaccination.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html#laboratory-testing>

As always, do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

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