## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RADIATION SAFETY

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**TITLE:** Airborne Pathogens Training

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Temple University policy requires that all employees who have potential exposure to tuberculosis patients receive airborne pathogen training, consistent with EHRS policy 8.1.

## **Content of Training**

Airborne Pathogens Training - Part I Tuberculosis in the Healthcare Environment

- Modes of transmission of TB
- Identification of TB symptoms in patients
- CDC guidelines and the Hospital's Exposure Control Plan
- High-risk areas and procedures for possible TB exposure and how to minimize those risks
- Administrative and engineering controls utilized for the prevention of TB
- Selection and usage of respiratory protection devices (see Airborne Pathogens Training Part II, Respiratory Protection below)

Airborne Pathogens Training - Part II Respiratory Protection

- The contents of the Medical Evaluation form (EHS 8.1F-001), quantitative testing for proper respirator size and fit. Hands-on training on the use and limitations of respirator.
- Selection, maintenance, storage, and operation of respirator.
- Inspecting, donning, performing fit checks and adjusting the respirator.
- Recognizing the signs of an inadequately functioning respirator.
- Temple University policies regarding the use of respirator.