1. **What is TB?**
   
   TB is short for a disease called tuberculosis. It causes disease in the lungs most of the time but can cause disease in other parts of the body.

2. **What are the signs and symptoms of tuberculosis?**
   
   A bad cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer
   
   Coughing up sputum or blood
   
   Unexplained weight loss
   
   Unexplained fever, chills and sweating at night
   
   Poor appetite
   
   Pain in the chest

3. **Can TB be cured?**
   
   YES! And it can be prevented.

4. **How is TB spread?**
   
   Catching TB is uncommon in casual, short term exposure to persons with the disease. TB germs may spray into the air if a person with TB coughs or sneezes. Anyone nearby can breathe the TB germs into their lungs.

   TB is NOT spread by shaking someone’s hand, sharing food or drink, touching bed linens or toilet seats, sharing toothbrushes or kissing.

5. **What is the difference between latent and active TB?**
   
   Latent TB means that a person has been exposed to TB and may have the germ but is not sick or contagious. Active TB means that a person has been exposed to TB, is sick and contagious. In both cases, treatment is recommended and available.

6. **How do I know if I have TB?**
   
   Two types of testing are available: skin testing and blood testing. Both are available at Shawnee County Health Agency and WU Student Health
Services. Sometimes a chest X-ray or sputum testing is required to confirm a diagnosis of TB

7. Where can I get more information?

If you have questions about TB you can contact the Shawnee County Health Agency at 785-368-2000 or WU Student Health Services at 785-670-1470. Information about TB can also be found at http://www.cdc.gov/tb/