

**TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOLS
AND CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

This synopsis represents recommended guidelines for implementing the following laws: Education Code (Section 49406), Health and Safety Code (Sections 1596.70, 3450-3451), California Administrative Code, Title 17 (Section 6607), Title 22 (Sections 41301, 1012.16).

Institution, Agency, or Facility	Initial Examination	Repeat Examination	Examination To Consist Of:
<p>SCHOOL & CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES (Includes Nursery Schools, Day Nurseries, and Development Centers)</p> <p>Employees – All employees and volunteers in public, private, and parochial schools for K-12 and child care facilities. Exceptions may be made for volunteers who are not in frequent or prolonged contact with students/children.</p>	<p>Employees Within 60 days prior to employment.</p> <p>NOTE: School governing authority can require more frequent or more extensive examinations.</p>	<p>Employees with negative skin tests: Repeat skin test every 4 years.</p> <p>Employees with positive skin tests: Must furnish a certificate from a health provider every 4 years showing that employee is free from active TB. A chest x-ray is NOT required in those who completed preventive therapy OR have a negative history & symptom review. A file must be kept on all employees who convert their skin test to positive on repeat examination. This file must be surrendered to TB Control Officer upon request.</p>	<p>Intradermal Mantoux 5 TU (tuberculin units) PPD skin test which, if positive (10 mm, or more induration) must be followed by a chest x-ray. If there are clinical reasons for suspecting that the person may have tuberculosis or if the person is a known contact to a case of tuberculosis, 5 mm of induration is considered positive.</p> <p>Employees must have on file a certificate from the examining physician showing that the employee is free from active disease.</p> <p>NOTE: Any employee with a positive skin test where active disease has been ruled out should be considered for preventive therapy.</p>
<p>Students in K-12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All kindergarten and 1st grade students who never attended kindergarten anywhere. All other students who never attended any school in California. 	<p>Students in K-12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Within 1 year prior to school admission. Any previous date. 	<p>Students in K-12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> None None 	<p>Same as school employees. Students must present written documentation upon enrollment. Any tuberculin test may be used.</p> <p>EXCEPTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A Mantoux test is a requirement to enter Kindergarten. A positive multipuncture reaction should be validated by a Mantoux test.
<p>Students/Children in Licensed Child Day Care Facilities</p> <p>NOTE: If child is also enrolled in public, private, or parochial school, there is no requirement for documentation of medical assessment by the child care facility.</p>	<p>Students/Children in Licensed Child Day Care Facilities</p> <p>Required only if the child's medical assessment indicates that the child has risk factors for TB. * All children must be screened for risk factors for TB as part of the medical assessment. Skin testing is required only if determined to be necessary by a physician based on the child's risk of TB. Mantoux to be done not more than one year prior to or within 30 days following the acceptance of a client.</p>	<p>Students/Children in Licensed Child Day Care Facilities</p> <p>None required. Only subsequent enrollment in a different facility would necessitate a repeat examination if the previous test is more than one year old.</p>	<p>If required: Same as school employees. Written documentation must be provided.</p> <p>*RISK FACTORS FOR TB IN CHILDREN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a family member or contact with a history of confirmed or suspected TB. Are in foreign-born families and from high-prevalence countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Eastern Europe. Live in out-of-home placements. Have, or are suspected to have, HIV infection. Live with an adult with HIV seropositivity. Live with an adult who has been incarcerated in the last five years. Live among, or are frequently exposed to, individuals who are homeless, migrant farm workers, users of street drugs or residents in nursing homes. Have abnormalities on chest X-ray suggestive of TB. Have clinical evidence of TB.

NOTE: If a skin test is positive in a child 3 years of age and under, the Health Office must be informed.
NOTE: Administration of facility can require more extensive or more frequent examinations.

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