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**RE: TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS,  
AND STUDENTS IN EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDCARE SETTINGS**

Dear Superintendents, Principals, Preschool, and Child care Center Directors:

Tuberculosis (TB) remains a health concern in Los Angeles County (LAC) and the state of California. The California Department of Public Health has developed a plan for TB elimination, so that Californians may enjoy a TB free community by 2040. One of the goals of the plan is to reduce TB testing in groups without risks for TB infection. TB testing in groups with no identified risks result in false positive tests and unnecessary treatment.

In 2012, LAC adopted use of risk assessment surveys and a universal screening policy for school aged children. This approach replaced a universal TB testing policy, with the intent that only students identified by the risk assessment to have risks for TB infection require TB testing to meet clearance requirements for school entry. The notification to School Superintendents and Principals advising the change in policy can be found at <http://ph.lacounty.gov/tb/index.htm>. In short, administration of a risk assessment by a licensed clinical professional with documentation on the PM 171 A if no risks for TB infection are found is sufficient to clear a student. The required PM 171 A form "Report of Health Examination for School Entry" is attached to this memo.

Between 2015 through 2017, three new California state laws: AB 1667, SB 792, and SB 1038 were enacted to adopt a similar risk assessment approach for employees and volunteers in educational settings, child care centers, and persons employed in community colleges. A certificate of completion for persons found to have no risks may be accepted for clearance for employment or volunteer service.

**EXCEPTIONS:** There are still specialized educational settings that still require universal TB testing, e.g., a Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) or interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) blood test by California law.

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These include employees and volunteers at heritage schools, e.g., part time language/culture schools and pupils for schools of the deaf and blind.

The LAC TB Control Program strongly encourages use of the risk assessment as a first step to an evaluation for TB clearance, as many individuals who do not have risks for TB infection will be cleared with completion of the risk assessment. For questions on TB screening in educational and childcare settings, please contact the LAC TB Control Program at (213) 745-1737.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of LA County and to the goal of TB elimination in California.

Sincerely,

TB Controller/Deputy Health Officer  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

ATTACHMENT

## REPORT OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

To protect the health of children, California law requires a health examination on school entry. Please have this report filled out by a health examiner and return it to the school. The school will keep and maintain it as confidential information.

### PART I TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

CHILD'S NAME—Last	First	Middle	BIRTH DATE—Month/Day/Year
ADDRESS—Number, Street	City	ZIP code	SCHOOL

### PART II TO BE FILLED OUT BY HEALTH EXAMINER

#### HEALTH EXAMINATION

**NOTE: All tests and evaluations except the blood lead test must be done after the child is 4 years and 3 months of age.**

REQUIRED TESTS/EVALUATIONS	DATE (mm/dd/yy)
Health History	___/___/___
Physical Examination	___/___/___
Dental Assessment	___/___/___
Nutritional Assessment	___/___/___
Developmental Assessment	___/___/___
Vision Screening	___/___/___
Audiometric (hearing) Screening	___/___/___
TB Risk Assessment and Test, if indicated	___/___/___
Blood Test (for anemia)	___/___/___
Urine Test	___/___/___
Blood Lead Test	___/___/___
Other	___/___/___

#### IMMUNIZATION RECORD

**Note to Examiner:** Please give the family a completed or updated yellow California Immunization Record.

**Note to School:** Please record immunization dates on the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286).

VACCINE	DATE EACH DOSE WAS GIVEN				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>POLIO</b> (OPV or IPV)					
<b>DtaP/DTP/DT/Td</b> (diphtheria, tetanus, and [acellular] pertussis) OR (tetanus and diphtheria only)					
<b>MMR</b> (measles, mumps, and rubella)					
<b>HIB MENINGITIS</b> (Haemophilus Influenzae B) (Required for child care/preschool only)					
<b>HEPATITIS B</b>					
<b>VARICELLA</b> (Chickenpox)					
OTHER (e.g., TB Test, if indicated)					
OTHER					

### PART III ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM HEALTH EXAMINER (optional) and RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

#### RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Fill out if patient or guardian has signed the release of health information.

- Examination shows no condition of concern to school program activities.
- Conditions found in the examination or after further evaluation that are of importance to schooling or physical activity are: *(please explain)*

I give permission for the health examiner to share the additional information about the health check-up with the school as explained in Part III.

Please check this box if you **do not** want the health examiner to fill out Part III.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name, address, and telephone number of health examiner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of health examiner \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If your child is unable to get the school health check-up, call the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program in your local health department. If you do not want your child to have a health check-up, you may sign the waiver form (PM 171 B) found at your child's school.**

## INFORME DEL EXAMEN DE SALUD PARA EL INGRESO A LA ESCUELA

Para proteger la salud de los niños, la ley de California exige que antes de ingresar a la escuela todos los niños tengan un examen médico de salud. Por favor, pídale al examinador de salud que llene este informe y entregue a la escuela—este informe será archivado por la escuela en forma confidencial.

### PARTE I PARA SER LLENADO POR EL PADRE/LA MADRE O EL GUARDIÁN

NOMBRE DEL NIÑO/NIÑA—Apellido	Primer Nombre	Segundo Nombre	FECHA DE NACIMIENTO—Mes/Día/Año
DOMICILIO—Número y Calle	Ciudad	Zona Postal	Escuela

### PARTE II PARA SER LLENADO POR EL EXAMINADOR DE SALUD

#### EXAMEN DE SALUD

**AVISO:** Todas las pruebas y evaluaciones excepto el análisis de sangre para el plomo deben ser hechas después de la edad de 4 años y 3 meses.

PRUEBAS Y EVALUACIONES REQUERIDAS	FECHA(mm/dd/aa)
Historia de Salud	/ /
Examen Físico	/ /
Evaluación de Dientes	/ /
Evaluación de Nutrición	/ /
Evaluación del Desarrollo	/ /
Pruebas Visuales	/ /
Pruebas con Audiómetro (auditivas)	/ /
Evaluación de Riesgo y prueba Tuberculosis*	/ /
Análisis de Sangre (para anemia)	/ /
Análisis de Orina	/ /
Análisis de Sangre para el plomo	/ /
Otra	/ /

#### REGISTRO DE INMUNIZACIONES

**Aviso al Examinador:** Por favor dé a la familia, una vez completado, o a la fecha, el Registro de Inmunización de California en papel amarillo.

**Aviso a la Escuela:** Por favor apunte las fechas de inmunización sobre el Registro de Inmunización de la escuela de California en papel azul.

VACUNA	FECHA EN QUE CADA DOSIS FUE DADA				
	Primero	Segundo	Tercero	Cuarto	Quinto
<b>POLIO</b> (OPV o IPV)					
<b>DTaP/DTP/DT/Td</b> (difteria, tétano y [acelular] pertusis [tos ferina]) O (tétano y difteria solamente)					
<b>MMR</b> (sarampión, paperas, rubéola)					
<b>HIB MENINGITIS</b> (Hemófilo, Tipo B) (Requerida para centros de cuidado para niños y centros preescolares solamente)					
<b>HEPATITIS B</b>					
<b>VARICELLA</b> (Viruelas locas)					
OTRA (e.g. prueba TB, de ser indicado)					
OTRA					

### PARTE III INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL DEL EXAMINADOR DE SALUD (optional)

#### RESULTADOS Y RECOMENDACIONES

Llene esta parte si el padre/la madre o el guardián ha firmado el consentimiento para divulgar (distribuir) la información de salud de su niño/niña.

- El examen reveló que no hay condiciones que conciernen las actividades de los programas escolares.
- Las condiciones encontradas en el examen o después de una evaluación posterior que son de importancia para la actividad escolar o física son: (por favor explique)

\*de ser indicado

### y PERMISO PARA DIVULGAR (DISTRIBUIR) EL INFORME DE SALUD

Yo le doy permiso al examinador de salud para que comparta con la escuela la información adicional de este examen como es explicado en la Parte III.

Por favor marque esta caja si Ud. no desea que el examinador llene la Parte III.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma del padre/madre o guardián

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fecha

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma del examinador de salud

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fecha

*Si su niño o niña no puede obtener el examen de salud llame al Programa de Salud para la Prevención de Incapacidades de Niños y Jovenes (Child Health and Disability Prevention Program) en su departamento de salud local. Si Ud. no desea que su niño(a) tenga un examen de salud, puede firmar la orden (PM 171 B), formulario que se consigue en la escuela de su niño(a).*

CHDP website: [www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp)