

California Tuberculosis Screening Guidelines for Child Care Centers and Schools

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| <p>Children in Child Care Centers</p> <p>Excludes services without a contract or agreement between the parent and center for regular care of child.</p> | <p>Health & Safety Code (HSC) Section 1596.60. authorizes the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (DSS/CCL) to regulate public & private child care settings</p> | <p>California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22; Division 12 – CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSING REGULATIONS; Chapter 1; Article 6, Section 101220</p> <p>DSS/CCL Policy Letter sent to Child Care District Office Regional Managers in August 1997</p> <p>DSS/CCL Evaluators Manual Procedures in Section 101220(b)(2)</p> | <p>All children must be evaluated for risk factors for tuberculosis (TB) as part of the medical assessment required for admission. (Form 701). A Mantoux TB skin test is only required when the physician determines the child has risk factors for TB.</p> <p>Prior to, within 30 calendar days following child's enrollment. Medical assessment should not be more than one year old when obtained.</p> | <p>May be necessary if subsequent enrollment in a different facility and the medical assessment is more than one year old.</p> <p>Whenever the child's physician determines TB testing should be performed due to risk factors for TB.</p> | <p>1. TB Risk Assessment</p> <p>2. A Mantoux TB skin test or test for TB infection recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is required only if deemed necessary by the physician performing a TB risk factor assessment.</p> |
| <p>Staff/Volunteers in Child Care Centers</p> <p>Excludes public school employees</p> | <p>DSS/CCL as above</p> | <p>CCR, Title 22, Article 6, Section 101216</p> <p>DSS/CCL Evaluators Manual Procedures in Section 101216(g)</p> | <p>TB testing result required as part of facility personnel health screening (Form 503). Not more than 1 year prior or 7 days after employment or licensure.</p> | <p>No stated requirement</p> | <p>Mantoux TB skin test, or test for TB infection recommended by CDC and approved by the FDA</p> |
| <p>Students in Kindergarten to 12th Grade (K – 12)</p> <p>Public, Charter or Private Schools</p> | <p>Health and Safety Code (HSC) authorizes the Local Health Officer (LHO) to regulate TB examinations of persons applying for first admission to any school or institution in the jurisdiction.</p> | <p>HSC Sections 121475-121520 School districts are required under the law to work with the Local Health Officer on TB examinations and may use the school district funds, property & personnel.</p> | <p>HSC 121490 If so ordered by the LHO, the exam must consist of a Mantoux TB skin test, or test for TB infection recommended by CDC and approved by the FDA. If positive, is followed by an X-ray of the lungs.</p> | <p>No stated requirement</p> | <p>Mantoux TB skin test, or test for TB infection recommended by CDC and approved by the FDA</p> |

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| <p>K - 12 Teachers, Employees, Volunteers, Transportation Contractors*,</p> <p>Community College Employees</p> <p>Employees with frequent or prolonged contact with pupils</p> | <p>Health and Safety Code (HSC) authorizes the Local Health Officer (LHO) to regulate TB examinations of employees of public and private schools. The governing board of schools and districts must cooperate with the LHO.</p> <p>The Education Code (EC) authorizes the Department of Education to direct schools to require TB exams.</p> <p>California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will enforce as necessary.</p> | <p>K-12: EC Section 49406 HSC Sections 121525-121555</p> <p>Community Colleges: EC Section 87408</p> | <p>TB exam is a condition of initial employment and expense is the responsibility of the applicant.</p> <p>Within 60 days prior to employment.</p> <p>Employees who initially have a positive TB test must have follow up as required by the Local Health Officer including an X-ray of the lungs, medical evaluation and treatment.</p> <p>Employee is required to submit a certificate from the examining physician showing that the employee is free of active TB disease.</p> | <p>Employees who initially test negative for TB infection are required to repeat a TB exam at least once every 4 years.</p> <p>Once the employee has the physician certification that they are free of active TB, there is no further requirement for repeat X-ray of the lungs every 4 years.</p> | <p>Mantoux TB skin test, or test for TB infection recommended by CDC and approved by the FDA. If positive, is followed by an X-ray of the lungs.</p> |
| <p>Students Attending the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind</p> | <p>Department of Education</p> | <p>EC Section 59150</p> | <p>Students are tested for exposure to TB at least once every 2 years. The results shall be provided to the school director. The parent or guardian of the student is responsible for the cost, if any.</p> | | <p>Mantoux TB skin test, or test for TB infection recommended by CDC and approved by the FDA.</p> |

* Contract drivers for public schools who transport pupils on an infrequent basis, not to exceed once a month, are be excluded from this requirement