



School Health Services Guidelines for TB testing for School Registration

Souderton Area School District requires a screening test for Tuberculosis (TB) infection of all students who were born in or lived in for a period of 90 days or more, a country with a TB incidence rate of > 20/100,000 population as indicated by the World Health Organization. If a student returns from an extended visit of less than 90 days to one of the noted countries and has signs or symptoms of active tuberculosis disease (** see below) they should undergo a screening test for TB infection. Student should also be tested if there is a reported exposure to active tuberculosis.

Testing can be completed by a Primary care Physician, Urgent Care, pharmacy-based health clinic, or the Montgomery County Health Department.

We recommend an IGRA blood test (or QuantiFERON-TB Gold test) due to the possibility of false positive results of PPD skin testing. If a PPD was performed and the results are negative, this will be accepted.

If results of either the PPD or blood test are positive, student must get a chest X-ray at their own expense and any resultant follow-up treatment. If the student is uninsured and testing is completed through the Montgomery County Health Department treatments are free of charge. **The Student requires a note from a doctor to clear them to enter/return to school.**

**Signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis disease:

- Cough greater than 3 weeks
- Blood in sputum
- Night sweats or fever
- Unexplained weight loss
- Loss of appetite

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 School Health Services
 TUBERCULOSIS EVALUATION AND TESTING REPORT

All students that were born or lived in a foreign country and are entering school for the first time in the United States need to be evaluated and tested for Tuberculosis before they may attend Souderton Area School District.

Testing can be completed by your Primary Care Physician, Urgent Care, pharmacy-based health clinic, or The Montgomery County Health Department. We recommend an IGRAs (Interferon-Gamma Release Assays) or QFT (QuantiFERON-TB Gold) blood test due to possible false positive results of the PPD (Purified Protein Derivative) skin testing.

The Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) can provide a lab slip for blood testing (IGRA) at a reduced fee. The lab is located in Bensalem, PA. If the blood test is positive a chest x-ray needs to be performed at the client's expense. All other follow-up care and treatment will be free of charge, if uninsured.

- MCHD Norristown office: 610-278-5145
- MCHD Pottstown office: 610-970-5040

 STUDENT'S NAME _____
 BIRTH DATE _____ PLACE OF BIRTH/TRAVEL _____

REPORT OF TUBERCULIN TEST RESULTS:

PPD/Tuberculin skin test (TST)	
Date applied ___/___/___	Date read ___/___/___
Result: _____ mm	Interpretation: <input type="checkbox"/> positive <input type="checkbox"/> negative
<input type="checkbox"/> IGRA	<input type="checkbox"/> QuantiFERON – TB Gold (QFT_GIT) <input type="checkbox"/> T-SPOT TB test (T-Spot)
Date drawn ___/___/___	Results: <input type="checkbox"/> positive <input type="checkbox"/> negative <input type="checkbox"/> indeterminate
Chest X-ray (required if TST or IGRA is positive)	
Date ___/___/___	Findings <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> abnormal
TB Screening Outcome	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative (no F/U needed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up needed
Cleared to attend school <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Signature of Clinic Personnel	Date ___/___/___

THIS FORM OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF TB TESTING MUST BE RETURNED TO REGISTRATION BEFORE THE STUDENT MAY ENTER SCHOOL.