

Tuberculosis Control Screening

The Waterbury Public School District shall comply with the recommendations from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Infectious Diseases Division, and the Connecticut Department of Education, regarding tuberculosis testing of students.

Recommended testing schedule: The Waterbury Public School District will not require routine tuberculin testing of school age children. All students who enter the Waterbury School System will be evaluated for risk of tuberculosis infection by the school nurse. Students not already known to have a positive test should be tested if they have any of the following risk factors for tuberculosis infection:

- (a) were born in a high risk country* of the world and do not have a record of a tuberculin skin test performed in the United States;
- (b) have traveled to a high risk country since the previously required examination;
- (c) have had extensive contact with persons who have recently come to the United States since the previously required examination;
- (d) had contact with person(s) suspected to have tuberculosis;
- (e) have been living in a homeless shelter;
- (f) have HIV infection;
- (g) exposed to adults in high-risk categories.

Upon identification of any of the above risk factors a P.P.D. (Mantoux Test) will be required prior to entry. The school nurse will refer the student to his/her Primary Care Provider (PCP) or the Waterbury Health Department (WHD) for testing.

P.P.D. tests 10mm. or greater will require follow-up evaluation per the PCP or the WHD. The school nurse will assure appropriate follow up.

Note: Students who have traveled to a high risk country and have stayed in that country one (1) week or longer will require P.P.D. testing 8 – 10 weeks following their return to the United States, not upon entry to school, unless the student presents with symptoms suggestive of Tuberculosis.

*All countries in Africa, Asia (including former Soviet Union), Central and South America, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Eastern Europe, Jamaica, and Turkey.

Note: United States/Canada and West Europe are considered “low risk”.

Tuberculin Policy and Regulation

High-Risk Questionnaire

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High-Risk Questionnaire	YES	NO
Students born in a high-risk country* of the world and do not have a record of a tuberculin skin test performed in the United States.		
Students who have traveled to a high-risk country with persons who have recently come to the United States since the previously required examination. (must have stayed in country 1 week or longer). *(Test 8-10 weeks after return).		
Students who have had extensive contact with persons who have recently come to the United States since the previously required examination.		
Students who had contact with person(s) suspected to have tuberculosis.		
Students who have been living in a homeless shelter.		
Students who have HIV infection.		
Students exposed to adults in high-risk categories.		

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I have read the above high-risk statements and to the best of my ability have answered them correctly. I understand this document will be included in the students' cumulative health record.

Parent/Guardian

Date

School Nurse

Date