

TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM

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POLICY ON TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

All students must have an assessment of tuberculosis risk. Staff are no longer required to show evidence of TB skin test screening at time of employment.

PROTOCOL FOR TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM

Students:

- At the time of registration for entry into the Boston Public Schools, if parents present with information on TB screening, the data will be entered along with the immunization data into the student(s) electronic health record.
- No child will have school registration delayed because of lack of tuberculosis screening documentation.
- It is the responsibility of the primary care health provider, and NOT the school system, to ensure that appropriate screening for tuberculosis is occurring in the community.
- The school nurse may choose to check a child's PPD (Mantoux) or monitor preventive therapy at the request of the primary care provider. The primary care provider must submit a written physician order to the school nurse for services.

- Written documentation of an in-school PPD test result or the monitoring of preventive therapy will be provided to the primary care provider by the school nurse.
- Students with active disease will be excluded from school until placed on treatment and written documentation by BPHC TB Control of non-contiguous state is presented.

Staff:

- Staff are no longer required to have TB screening as candidates for hiring. The regulation of Communicable Tuberculosis Periodic Examination of School Personnel has been repealed in the Massachusetts General Laws.

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