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All U.S. health care personnel should be screened for tuberculosis (TB) upon hire (i.e., preplacement). Annual testing is not recommended unless there is a known exposure or ongoing transmission at a health care facility. All U.S. health care personnel should be screened for TB upon hire (i.e., preplacement). TB screening is a process that includes: Routine serial TB screening or testing at any interval after baseline (e.g., annually) of health care personnel is not recommended unless there is a known exposure or ongoing transmission at a healthcare facility. CDC recommendations do not override or replace state regulations. State and local regulations may differ to meet local needs. your state TB control program for the testing regulations in your state. If health care personnel diagnosed with latent TB infection do not receive treatment: Treatment is strongly encouraged for health care personnel diagnosed with latent TB infection. Short course, rifamycin-based regimens are the preferred treatment options for latent TB infection because they have higher completion rates. Health care facilities might consider using annual TB screening for: State and local health departments can help facilities make these decisions. All health care personnel should receive annual TB education. All health care personnel with a known exposure to TB disease should receive a TB symptom screen and testing. Health care personnel with a previous negative TB test result should be tested immediately and re-tested 8 to 10 weeks after the last known exposure. For consistency, use the same type of TB test (e.g., TB blood test or TB skin test) that was used upon hire (i.e., preplacement) and for any follow-up testing. Health care personnel with a document history of a positive TB test result do

not need to be re-tested after exposure to TB disease. They should receive a TB symptom screen. If they have symptoms of TB disease, they should be evaluated for TB disease. Notify the local health department immediately if TB disease is presumed or confirmed. Health care settings in the United States should have a TB infection control plan., including TB screening and testing of health care personnel. Languages Language Assistance Languages Language Assistance

