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**TO:** District Superintendents  
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**RE: Change in the Tuberculosis (TB) School Mandate:  
From Universal Testing to Universal Risk Assessment and Targeted Testing**

Beginning June 1, 2014, the Santa Clara County Tuberculosis (TB) School Mandate will change from a requirement for universal TB testing to a requirement for universal TB risk assessment.

Santa Clara County has required TB testing for students entering school since 1989. This Health

changes. Based on this review and discussion, Santa Clara County will no longer require universal testing but will transition to a mandate for universal risk assessment and targeted testing.

**The new Santa Clara County Public Health Department Risk Assessment for School Entry form will be required for school registration effective June 1, 2014 for all children enrolling in kindergarten or transferring, at any grade level, from outside of Santa Clara County.**

Please discard all prior references to the TB School Mandate and replace with the following documents:

- x NEW: TB Risk Assessment for School Entry form (to be completed by healthcare providers)
- x Revised: Guidelines to Revisions to the School Mandate and Requirements
- x Revised: Frequently Asked Questions
- x Revised: Dear Parent Letter
- x Revised: Santa Clara County School Mandate FlowChart
- x Revised: IGRA Fact Sheet
- x NEW: List of school health clinics and FQHCs in Santa Clara County

Please reproduce this entire packet for each school in your district as well as any location where centralized registration is done for new and transfer students. Please also feel free to post on District or School websites. These materials will also be available at [www.sccphd.org/tb](http://www.sccphd.org/tb).

If you have questions about these changes, please contact the TB Prevention and Control Program at (408) 885-4214.

Thank you for helping us protect the health of children in Santa Clara County.