





## **Santa Clara County Tuberculosis Screening Requirement for School Entrance Effective June 1, 2014**

- c. Written documentation of ongoing treatment for latent TB infection.
  - d. Written documentation of prior treatment for active TB disease.
  - e. Written documentation of current treatment for active TB disease.
2. If the student does not have any of the above and does not have signs or symptoms of active TB (as documented by a medical provider), he/she may be conditionally enrolled, pending the results of the chest x-ray in accordance with school policy. It is recommended that conditional enrollment and admittance be extended for no more than 20 calendar days. However, school districts may extend the time before excluding the student for up to 45 days.

### **10) What is the next step for a student with an indeterminate IGRA test?**

Students who have a positive TB risk assessment, an indeterminate IGRA result and a negative symptom review by a health care provider may enter school.

**Note to providers:** If result is indeterminate, consider placing a TST or repeating the IGRA test in 2 weeks.

### **11) What should schools do if a student does not have a health care provider?**

If a student does not have a source of regular care, refer to the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program at 1(800) 689-6669 or the School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County at (408) 284-2280 to be evaluated.

### **12) What records must students provide to meet the requirements of the Revised TB Mandate?**

1. The *Santa Clara County Public Health Department TB Risk Assessment for School Entry* form completed by a health care provider.
2. Students who are currently being treated or have completed treatment for TB or latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) must provide written documentation from their health care provider. This should include medication name, dosage, date started, and date completed. This student does NOT require an additional chest x-ray.

### **13) What is the process for obtaining a waiver that exempts a student with a positive risk assessment from the TB test?**

1. To initiate the process for an exemption for a TB test, a student who has a positive TB risk assessment must have the medical provider write a note on the Santa Clara County TB Risk Assessment for School Entry form. The provider should document that TB testing was deferred due to personal beliefs and that child has no TB symptoms.
2. Fax this form to the TB Prevention and Control Program at (408) 885-2331.

**Note:** The signed back of the blue card is not acceptable for use as a waiver for the TB screening mandate in Santa Clara County.

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### **14) What is the process for obtaining a waiver that exempts a student from the TB screening Assessment?**

Students who lack health insurance or a health care provider and who cite these as reasons for obtaining a waiver must still fulfill the requirements of the TB screening before attending school. Refer student to CHDP or the School Health Centers of Santa Clara County.

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