

## PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL REFERRAL FOR TB EVALUATION AND/OR TESTING - FORM TB-70S

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The TB-70S is to be used by school nurses to refer high risk students (i.e. foreign-born) to the local health department for evaluation and/or testing for tuberculosis.

### **Instructions for School Nurse:**

All information in the “School Nurse” section should be completed by the school nurse and the form given to the student’s parent/guardian with instructions to contact the local health department and schedule an appointment for evaluation. The school nurse should explain to the parent/guardian that this is an evaluation for the possible need for testing due to the student being in a high risk category for TB infection. This does not mean that the student has active tuberculosis! Information on TB infection is located on the back of the TB-70S form.

As long as a student is not experiencing symptoms of active tuberculosis disease, referring a high risk student to the local health department for testing and use of this form, does not require withholding enrollment or preventing a student from attending classes. **If you suspect a student has active tuberculosis disease, immediately contact your local health department or the Division of TB Elimination at 304-558-3669 for guidance.**

### **Instructions for Local Health Department:**

When the student arrives at the local health department, the nurse should complete a Risk Assessment (TB-104) on the student and determine their risk category. T-Spot testing is recommended if the student is high risk (i.e. from a country on the High-Burden Countries for TB List (<http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/tuberculosis/Pages/Resources.aspx>). Draw the T-spot and submit to Oxford Laboratories for testing. Complete the “Local Health Department” section of the form. Fax the completed TB-70S along with the completed TB-104 to DTBE at 304-558-1825.

A completed TB-70S, from a school nurse, serves as prior authorization from DTBE for testing. It is not necessary to complete a Prior Authorization TB-70 Form for these students before drawing the T-Spot. However, if DTBE does not receive a completed school referral form and risk assessment, the charges for testing will be the responsibility of the local health department.