

# TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL MANUAL

## TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING Tuberculosis Skin Testing Materials

Testing materials are available for:

- Contacts to persons with active tuberculosis
- Individuals/groups identified by the Local Health Department as at risk (such as someone presenting symptoms of TB, homeless shelters, foreign born, etc.)
- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) patients
- Pediatric Health Screening (PHS) patients
- Public school employees and students
- Volunteer Emergency Medical Service personnel
- Persons presenting at the local health departments requesting the skin test

Mantoux method of tuberculin testing shall be used.

The EPSDT/PHS Programs and Tuberculosis Control Program have agreed to work together to supply tuberculin testing for these patients. Private providers may obtain testing materials and tuberculin from the Local Health Departments for EPSDT/PHS patients only.

The Local Health Departments will be responsible for monitoring and surveillance. Private providers are to sign for testing supplies and report monthly to the local health departments using form TB-15. Records are to be accessible to the Tuberculosis Control Program for auditing purposes.

Sometimes patients travel several miles to see a provider. To avoid unnecessary travel to have the skin test interpreted, it is recommended that the Local Health Department nurse read the skin test. The provider would have to furnish the patient with a card or letter identifying the provider and stating: when, where, type of test, and by whom the skin test was given. After interpreting the skin test, the nurse would record the date, reaction in millimeters (even if 0mm) and her signature on the form for the patient to return to his/her provider.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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