

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
Division of Tuberculosis Elimination
WV-DTBE Supported TB Testing Criteria for WV Local Health Departments

Mantoux skin test (PPD) may be used for:

- Persons with signs and symptoms of TB disease
- Persons who are contacts to a case of TB disease (a contact investigation is not to be instituted until approved by DTBE)
- Persons who are homeless
- Persons who have visited a TB endemic country for > 2 months
- Persons who have lived in a TB endemic country
- Persons with medical risks as specified:
 - Persons with diabetes mellitus
 - Persons with COPD/Black lung/Silicosis
- Children shown to be high risk in the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
- Persons required to have TB test by WV TB law (first entering personnel, or a student, who transfers to a WV school from outside the state border and does not have a documented TST or IGRA result within the previous four months)

IGRA (T-Spot) is to be used for:

- Persons who are foreign born and who have not been previously tested with T-SPOT. **No serial testing.**
- Persons who have been treated with BCG vaccine for cancer
- Persons who are **known** HIV infected

Consultation and written Prior Approval for:

- Persons on, or preparing to undergo, immunocompromising therapies (i.e., long term steroid use, treatment with TNF drug regimens, treatment with antirejection medications, cancer treatments, etc.)
- Any other situations needing consultation and prior approval for testing

All other testing must have written Prior Approval using this process:

- Submit Prior Approval (PA) form to DTBE (found on WV-DTBE website)
- Submit patient's completed Risk Assessment
- You may submit any other supporting documentation
- DTBE will respond with written reply within 48 hours

The only persons eligible for use of WV-DTBE supplied testing material are listed above. Any TST or IGRA done outside the above stated parameters is the responsibility of the administering health department unless you have written Prior Approval for unique situations from WV-DTBE personnel. Every health department needs to set up their own personal account with Oxford Immunotec for self-pay T-SPOT needs.

Persons presenting for serial testing for employment, education, or a food handler's card with an identified risk (i.e. foreign-born, medical risk) will have their initial T-Spot or TST cost covered by WV-DTBE. Subsequent required serial testing will be at the expense of the patient, the ordering organization or the LHD.

High risk testing, funded by WV-DTBE, is not to be charged an administrative fee as this is considered a barrier to care.

***Volunteers to school systems may be charged for evaluation and testing as they are not covered by the law.**