

# STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kirkland Norris, RS, MPH, Health Commissioner  
Karen Hiltbrand, President of the Board of Health  
Maureen Ahmann, DO, Medical Director

Dear Parent/Guardian/Host Family or Foreign Exchange Placement Agency.

This letter is to serve as written guidance in regards to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 37-15-03, tuberculosis (TB) screening for groups at risk of tuberculosis infection. The following is Stark County's Policy regarding TB testing for schools:

"The policy requires all foreign-born students, volunteers, and/or employees be screened upon enrollment, entry, and/or hire to the school district. In addition, any foreign-born students, volunteers, and/or employees that have been in the United States for three months or less must have a skin test initially upon hire/enrollment and a repeat skin test three months after the initial test. No annual skin test screening is required for schools. In the event of a positive skin test, there is the possibility of additional diagnostic testing (x-ray), medical follow-up, and/or treatment."

This policy is based on Stark County's low case rate, foreign-born case incidence, and recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Please keep in mind that schools may set a TB policy that is more stringent than above if they choose to do so. If you have any questions regarding this TB testing policy, you may contact our Communicable Disease Department at 330-493-9914 Extension 2049.

Additionally, Section 3313.671 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires all students attending school in the state of Ohio provide proof of adequate vaccinations. "No student shall be permitted to remain in school for more than fourteen days unless the pupil presents written evidence satisfactory to the person in charge of admission, that the pupil has been immunized by a method of immunization approved by the department of health pursuant to section 3701.13 of the Revised Code, or is in the process of being immunized." (Vaccine doses should be administered according to the most recent version of the *Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger or the Recommended Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Who Start Late or Who are More Than 1 Month Behind*, as published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices). Each dose of vaccine a child has received should be properly documented including the month, day, and year of vaccination.

Contact your primary care provider regarding TB testing and immunizations. The Stark County Health Department offers both childhood and adult immunizations by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled at the Stark County Health Department by calling 330-493-9914. TB skin testing is done on a walk-in basis on Tuesdays. See attached schedule for local health department hours for TB skin testing, as well as costs.





Any costs related to the TB testing and evaluation or immunizations are the responsibility of the student's responsible guardian.

Sincerely,



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Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Tests Offered at Local Health Departments

**Stark County Health Department**

7235 Whipple Ave NW

Canton, OH 44720

330-493-9914

Tuberculin Skin Tests (TSTs) will be given on Tuesdays on a walk-in basis between the hours of 9am to 12pm and from 1pm to 4pm for a \$15 fee. Tests will be read on Thursdays 48 hours after the test was given.

**Canton City Health Department**

420 Market Ave North

Canton, OH 44702

330-489-3231

Tests given on Monday mornings from 8am to 11am for Canton City residents for a \$5 fee. Tests read on Wednesday morning between 10am and 11am.

**Alliance City Health Department**

537 E Market St

Alliance, OH 44601

330-821-7373

Tests given on Tuesday mornings, **by appointment**, for Alliance City residents for a \$20 fee. Arrangements will be made for the test to be read on Thursday afternoon.

**Massillon City Health Department**

111 Tremont Ave SW

Massillon, OH 44647

(Entrance on North side)

330-830-1713

Tests given on Tuesdays from 9am to 11:30am and from 1pm to 3:30 pm on a walk-in basis for a \$20 fee. Tests read on Thursdays from 9am to 11:30am and 1pm to 3:30pm. Refer to the Massillon City Health Department Facebook page for TB schedule changes.