6:29-2.3 Testing for Tuberculosis Infection

(a) The following are the rules of the State Department of Education concerning testing for tuberculosis infection by district boards of education For implementation of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2 and 40-16.

1. The Mantoux intradermal tuberculin test using five T.U. (Tuberculin Units) of PPD tuberculin shall be the only skin test used to detect evidence of tuberculosis infection in pupils and employees.

2. The only pupils who shall be tested are those in grades and schools identified and/or under circumstances specified by the State Department of Health based upon the high incidence of tuberculosis or reactor rates in the communities or population groups concerned.

3. A Mantoux intradermal tuberculin test shall be given upon employment to all newly hired employees (full-time and part-time), all student Teachers, school bus drivers for companies under contract with the district and other persons who have contact with pupils.

I. An employee with a documented Mantoux test administered within the previous six months does not have to be retested.

II. An employee transferring between school districts within New Jersey would not have to be tuberculin tested if there is a documented record of a Mantoux tuberculin skin test being administered upon his or her Initial employment in a New Jersey public school.

4. Procedures for the administration of the Mantoux test Interpretation of tuberculin reactions, follow-up procedures (including a chest x-ray and medical evaluation) and reporting shall be in accordance with The New Jersey Department of Health's document, School Tuberculin Testing in New Jersey, Reference Guide for Physicians and Nurses. For copies contact The New Jersey State Department of Health, Dvision of Epidemiology and Disease Control, Communicable Disease Control Program, CN 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360.

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