

Olentangy Local School District

## District Tuberculosis Testing Practice

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

### **Students new to the district and students with foreign travel of more than 60 consecutive days**

Olentangy Local Schools requires documentation of a negative tuberculosis test that was performed in the United States for all students who meet designated criteria. This documentation must be on file with the district before the student will be permitted to attend school. Your student has been identified through the Olentangy Schools' enrollment process as meeting one or more of these criteria. Please indicate which of the following apply to the student:

- Born in a TB-endemic region
- Has spent 60 or more consecutive days in a TB-endemic region within past 3 years:
  - o Returning from current travel (within last 2 months).
  - o Travel has occurred within the previous 3 years

If the student has not completed a tuberculosis test in the United States, he/she is required to have one at this time. Please return the results of the tuberculosis test, completed by a licensed medical provider, to the Olentangy Local Schools' New Student Welcome Center to complete the enrollment process. If the tuberculosis test result is positive, written evidence of a negative chest x-ray must be provided.

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To attend school, The Olentangy Local School District requires a negative TB test to be on file for the following students:

- Born in a TB-endemic region (see list), or
- Have spent 60 or more consecutive days in a TB-endemic region within the past 3 years.

TB-endemic countries are those listed on the High Burden Countries for TB list. This can be located on the Olentangy Local Schools' district website.

Students who meet the above criteria will provide a signed, written report of all TB tests or assessments completed by a licensed medical provider in order for the student to attend school. The following tests will be accepted, but must have been performed in the United States:

1. A negative TB skin test (TST) in the absence of interval symptoms suggestive of TB or potential new TB exposure.
2. A chest x-ray (PA and lateral) negative for TB in the absence of interval symptoms suggestive of TB or potential new TB exposure.
3. A negative QuantIFERON-TB Gold-In Tube (QFT-GIT) blood test in the absence of interval symptoms suggestive of TB or potential new TB exposure.

A new student with a **positive TB skin test or QFT-GIT\*\*** will require the following to start school:

1. A chest x-ray (PA and lateral) negative for TB, and
2. A written report from a licensed medical provider stating that the individual has no evidence of active TB.

\*\*New students with a positive TB skin test or QFT-GIT blood test, but a normal chest x-ray and no symptoms of active TB, will be referred to their licensed medical provider for further evaluation.

### **Students who have received a live-virus vaccination within 42 days**

Students may have TB testing and receive live-virus vaccines (measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), live virus varicella, yellow fever, or live –attenuated influenza) at the same clinic visit. However, the TB test must be administered with a minimum interval of 42 days between any one of these vaccines and the TB test **if the vaccine given was not given on the same day as the TB test.**

*Note: If the TB skin testing is medically deferred, the student must have a TB symptom assessment completed by a licensed medical provider to screen for signs of pulmonary TB. After the 42 days, a negative TB skin test will be required. If the student demonstrates symptoms of active TB, he/she will be required to have a negative chest x-ray and will be referred to his/her health care provider for further evaluation. Additionally, the Delaware General Health District will be notified.*

### **Negative test results**

A student who has required previous TB testing and has tested NEGATIVE may not require annual retesting as long as that person has no new symptoms or exposure, as determined by a licensed medical provider. However, students who travel to any TB-endemic region for 90 or more consecutive days or have other potential TB exposures AFTER initial enrollment in the district will be required to repeat TB testing to assess for TB infection.