



Resident TB Screening

[TB Testing Recommendations in LTC - docShepherd](#)

[TB: Health care personnel screening | Department of Public Health & Environment \(colorado.gov\)](#)

[TB Screening and Testing of Health Care Personnel | TB | CDC](#)

My interpretation of the CDPHE guidance is

- TB test + screen on admission to LTC
- After that....
- TB test for those exposed or with symptoms.
- There is no need for yearly TB testing after admission unless there are symptoms or TB exposure.
- There is NO requirement for screening of established individual patients with a yearly TB test or form.
- Some facilities do a facility risk assessment. If anyone in the facility has had potential exposure to TB, they contact public health and consider an appropriate testing strategy.

Healthcare Personnel TB Screening

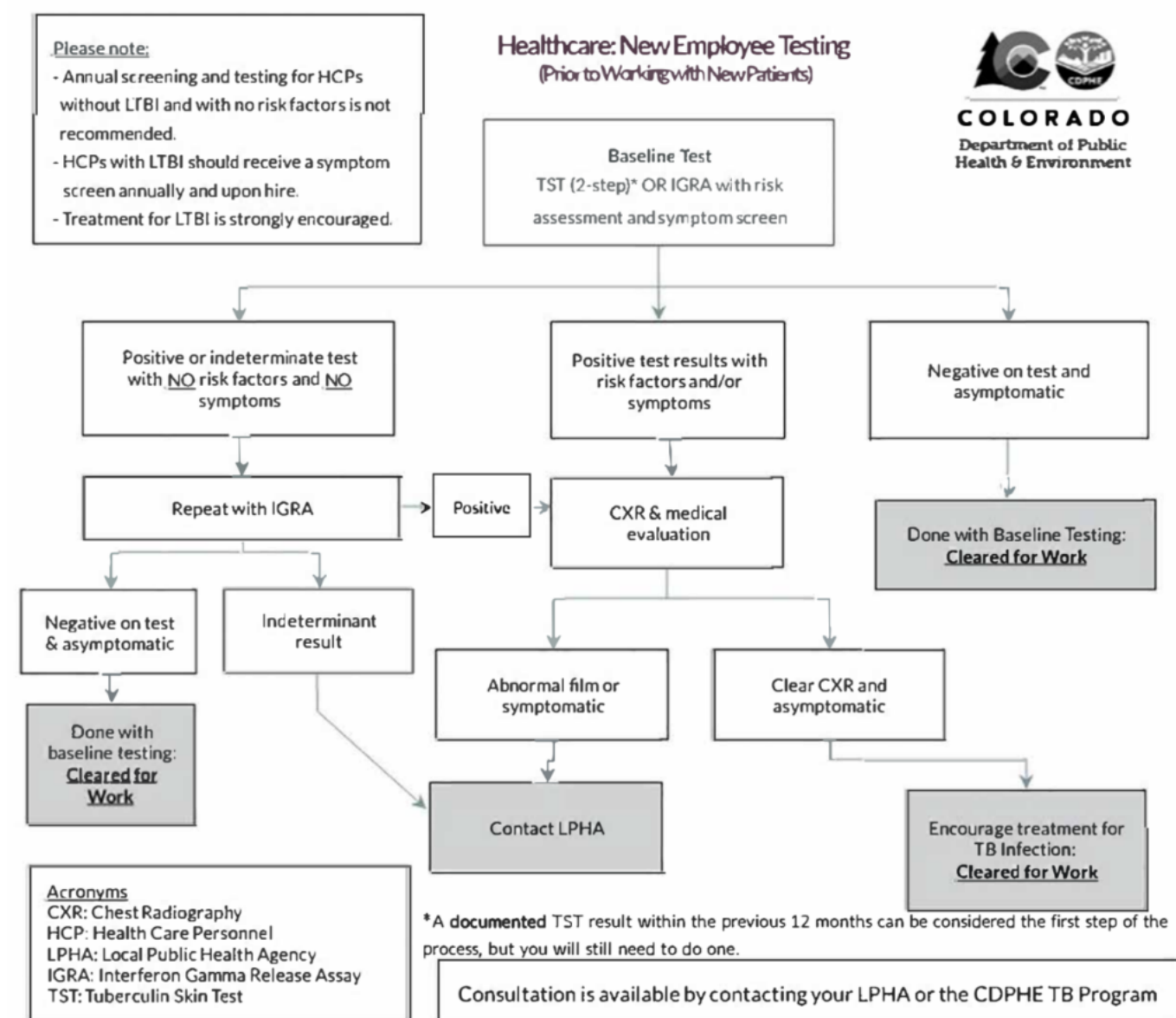
All U.S. health care personnel should be screened for TB upon hire (i.e., preplacement). The local health department should be notified immediately if TB disease is suspected. Annual TB testing of health care personnel is not recommended unless there is a known



exposure or ongoing transmission.

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- Screen HCP upon hire.
- If this initial testing is negative, further testing is NOT necessary UNLESS there is a high-risk of TB exposure.
- Some facilities due a yearly facility TB Risk assessment for staff. [Sample Employee-Annual-Risk- Assessment Questionnaire.pdf – Google Drive](#)



Respiratory Protection Program Reimbursement.

You can have facilities contact the Project Firstline Team at cdphe_project_firstline@state.co.us or contact Samantha Weiss at samantha.weiss@state.co.us directly for further questions or to resend a facility specific



link.

Fit-testing reimbursement for nursing facilities

Nursing facilities

Attention: nursing facilities

Through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity cooperative agreement with CDC, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is offering a reimbursement opportunity for licensed nursing facilities to support the development and/or maintenance of a fit testing program at their facility. Each licensed nursing facility in Colorado is eligible for a one-time reimbursement up to \$300 through December 31, 2023. At this time, the funding is only allocated for nursing facilities. CDPHE is exploring alternative funding sources to offer similar financial support to other facilities including assisted living residences, group homes, and intermediate care facilities. Nursing facility administrators will receive an email with additional information and instructions detailing how to apply for reimbursement.

Respiratory Protection Program Information

[CDPHE Respiratory Protection Program Information](#)

*TB stages image referenced from [The Spectrum of Tuberculosis and Why It Matters | Microbiology Community \(nature.com\)](#)