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Thank you for your inquiry regarding the screening and testing of healthcare personnel (HCP) for tuberculosis (TB). While the CDPHE TB Program does not regulate private providers' TB screening and testing processes, we provide recommendations based on CDC guidance. Please note: healthcare facilities typically need to take into consideration regulations or guidelines from their respective licensing bodies and other oversight agencies (e.g. OSHA, The Joint Commission, etc.). Your agency should consult with those agencies as needed.

Screening and testing of healthcare personnel for TB

Research has demonstrated low probability of tuberculosis transmission in U.S. health care settings. As such, working in a U.S. health care setting does not put health care personnel at increased risk for acquiring tuberculosis. However, baseline testing, use of TB risk assessments, annual education and **treatment of latent TB infection** remains extremely important to prevent progression to TB disease among HCP and subsequent transmission to others. The following links outline CDC's recommendations for screening and testing HCP in U.S. health care settings.

[Updated 2019 MMWR Guidelines](#)

[Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings, 2005 MMWR 2005; 54 \(No. RR-17\)](#)

Additional resources related to screening of HCP:

[Healthcare Employee TB Testing Algorithm](#)

[Sample Annual Employee TB Risk Assessment Questionnaire](#)

[Colorado Tuberculosis Risk Assessment](#)

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1HWEtMAiwhOSWED13lK-edm_ue0tGctOX

[Colorado Adult TB Risk Assessment User Guide](#)

[Mean case rates and TB cases by county in Colorado](#)

Scope of practice with TB screening and management

The [TST Scopes of Practice Form](#) helps clarify the defined scope of practice for specific disciplines related to tuberculosis testing and management. This form answers questions about who can and cannot place and read a skin test. (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2o0lwpCuPw7SU5iR0tVQutDVzQ/view>)

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

All the best,

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