



# MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Re: Mantoux test for Tuberculosis exposure

To: New Teachers, Aides, Substitutes and Staff:

It is a New Jersey State Law that all teachers and other employees, paraprofessionals, substitute teachers, student teachers, school bus drivers on contract with the district, custodians and other persons who have contact with students be tested for tuberculosis exposure. Volunteers should be tested if they work indoors and have at least 20 hours per month contact with students. Testing is done by means of a Mantoux test. Any newly hired employee, full-time or part-time, are required to be tested. An employee documented as having a previously positive (significant) Mantoux reaction, whose chest x-ray was negative for evidence of TB or who has received preventative or case treatments, requires no further testing. If you have documentation of a Mantoux test, please submit the paperwork to me as soon as possible. If you need to be tested, please make an appointment with a physician or at a Minute Clinic as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Montague Township School District

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: (R) forearm \_\_\_\_\_ (L) forearm \_\_\_\_\_

Administered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Induration is \_\_\_\_\_ mm Results: Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Positive \_\_\_\_\_

For positive results:

Chest X-Ray\* (Attach copy of results)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Name (Print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Signature

**New Jersey Department of Health  
Division of HIV, STD, and TB Services/TB Program**

**3. Teachers and Other Employees**

**Baseline TB testing is recommended for all newly hired employees (full-time and part-time), all student teachers, school bus drivers on contract with the district and other persons (e.g., volunteers) who have contact with students.**

**EXEMPTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES**

TB testing is not recommended for volunteers working with pupils for less than 20 hours per month.

TB testing is not recommended for new employees, student teachers, and contractors of the district with a documented tuberculosis test result, regardless of when this test was done. Repeat TB testing is not required in the absence of a known or suspected exposure to active and infectious TB disease or unless otherwise ordered by a licensed clinician.

Repeat TB testing is not recommended for school employees, with a documented tuberculosis test result upon their initial employment, transferring between school districts or from non-public schools.

Repeat TB testing is not recommended for student teachers, with a documented tuberculosis test result upon their initial assignment, performing practicums if or when they move between school districts.

**Religious Exemptions**

Employees, student teachers, contractors or volunteers who have contact with students and claim religious exemption cannot be compelled to submit to tuberculosis testing. In these instances, a symptom assessment should be done (TB-8 Form). If TB-like symptoms are reported, a physician must document that the employee, student teacher, contractor or volunteer does not have active disease. Each school district is responsible for determining the criteria essential to document a valid religious exemption.

**Reporting Requirements**

Schools are **no longer** required to submit the "Annual Report of TB Testing in Schools" (TB-57 form) to the New Jersey Department of Health, TB Program. Schools may continue to use the TB-57 for internal purposes in accordance with local school district policy.