

Students

TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

The Governing Board recognizes that tuberculosis poses a public health threat. Treatment of active cases of this disease is the most effective means of controlling its spread.

The number of tuberculosis cases in our county is on the rise. The County Public Health officer therefore requires tuberculosis testing, and follow-up if appropriate, before students enter school.

The Superintendent or designee may require a tuberculosis skin test when qualified medical personnel reasonably suspect that a student has active tuberculosis. If there is an outbreak of tuberculosis at any school, the Superintendent or designee may require all students at the school to undergo tuberculosis skin tests.

Students known to have had a positive tuberculosis skin test shall be excluded from school until they provide evidence of a follow-up x-ray and appropriate medical care or are no longer suspected of having active tuberculosis.

(cf. 5112.2 – Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5141.3 – Health Examinations)

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

(cf. 4119.43 – Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141.22 – Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 – Infectious Disease Prevention)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy

49451 Parent's refusal to consent

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

199.81 Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and Hepatitis B

199.82 Information to employees of school district

3118 Exclusion of persons from school

3400-3409 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

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Any student with active tuberculosis shall be excluded from attendance at a district school in accordance with AR 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance.

Students shall be screened or tested for tuberculosis under the following circumstances:

1. As part of the comprehensive health screening required for school entry, parents/guardians shall provide evidence within 90 days after their child's entry into first grade that their child has been screened for risk of tuberculosis within the preceding 18 months. (Health and Safety Code 124040, 124085)
2. Whenever ordered by the local health officer, students seeking admission for the first time to a district school at any grade level shall submit to tuberculosis testing. Any student subject to the order shall be admitted to school as follows:
 - a. The Superintendent or designee shall unconditionally admit the student if he/she, prior to admission, submits a certificate, signed by any public or private medical provider, indicating that he/she has completed an approved tuberculosis examination and is free from active tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485, 121490, 121500; 22 CCR 41305, 41311, 41313)

A student shall not be required to obtain the certificate if his/her parent/guardian or custodian provides the Superintendent or designee with an affidavit stating that the required examination is contrary to his/her beliefs. If there is probable cause to believe that such a student has active tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from school until the Superintendent or designee is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted. (Health and Safety Code 121505)

- b. A student who has not submitted the certificate may be conditionally admitted provided that he/she receives an approved tuberculin skin test within 10 school days after admission. A student who had a positive skin test and has not subsequently obtained a chest x-ray may be conditionally admitted if he/she receives a chest x-ray within 20 school days after admission. Any student who fails to provide the certificate within those time periods shall be prohibited from further attendance until he/she provides the certificate. (Health and Safety Code 121495; 22 CCR 41315, 41327)
 - c. Whenever the local health officer so orders, a student may be required to complete an additional examination and provide another certificate indicating that he/she is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485)

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- d. At the discretion of the local health officer, the district may admit a student without a certificate if he/she is undergoing or has already undergone preventive treatment for tuberculosis infection or treatment for tuberculosis disease. (22 CCR 41319)
3. Whenever the Superintendent or designee suspects that a student who has not been examined for tuberculosis either has the disease or has been exposed, he/she shall immediately report by telephone to the local health officer. When required by the local health officer, the district shall exclude the student from school until he/she is certified to be free of communicable tuberculosis. (22 CCR 41329)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of any student's tuberculosis examination as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. (22 CCR 41323)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually file a report with the local health department on the results of tuberculosis examinations for all individuals required to complete such examinations in accordance with item #2 above, including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of individuals unconditionally and conditionally admitted and the number of individuals exempted on the basis of their personal beliefs. (22 CCR 41325)

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

- (cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
- (cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
- (cf. 5125 - Student Records)
- (cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48213 Prior parent notification of exclusion; exemption

49451 Parent's refusal to consent to health examination

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120230 Exclusion of persons from school when residence is in isolation or quarantine

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121365 Duties of local health officer re: tuberculosis control

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

202 Exclusion of students with contagious disease

432 Student records

3030 Eligibility for special education; tuberculosis that adversely affects educational performance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

41301-41329 Tuberculosis tests for students

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org>

California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tb>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tuberculosis: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb>

Health Officers Association of California: <http://www.calhealthofficers.org>