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REQUIRED TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

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The California Health and Safety Code (Section 121545) requires all school district volunteers to be examined and found free of communicable tuberculosis **once every 4 years**.

The Code also requires the School District to keep an up-to-date certificate on file for each volunteer.

Volunteers who need to be screened are those in regular and / or direct contact with our students. Examples include: regular classroom volunteers, library volunteers, tutors, "hot lunch" servers. Volunteers who come on a one-time basis (to read a story to the class or give a presentation) do not need to be screened.

Screening should be done at least 60 days prior to the volunteer assignment. Minimally, the clearance needs to be received within 7 days of beginning the volunteer assignment.

If you already have a TB clearance:

If you have had a Mantoux (intra-dermal) test or chest x-ray with a negative result within the last 4 years, and you have previously brought a copy of the results to your child's school office, you do not need to have another test or provide another copy this year.

If you need to obtain a TB clearance:

You may get your test in one of the following ways. If you have lived outside the country for an extended period of time or received immunizations in another country, you are likely to exhibit a "false positive" on a skin test. You should skip that test and contact your doctor for an x-ray exam.

1. Testing at U.S. HealthWorks Medical Group:

TB tests can be obtained at U.S. HealthWorks Medical Group, 201 Arch Street, Redwood City. Office hours are 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, call (650) 556-9420.

TB testing is also done at that office on a drop-in basis.

Testing is done on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and most Fridays. Patients must return to the clinic within 48–72 hours of administration to have the results read, so tests cannot be administered on Thursdays or on any Friday before a three-day holiday weekend.

2. Testing by Private Physician:

You can obtain an examination for tuberculosis from your personal physician.

3. Testing on Campus:

We expect that a visiting nurse will do TB testing, either at La Entrada or Las Lomas campus, later this fall. Details will be announced as soon as arrangements can be made.

Please note that TB testing is done at the volunteer's own expense.