

Tuberculosis Screening Guidelines for Vernon Public Schools Adapted from Connecticut DPH Guidelines (June 2011)

Connecticut General Statutes mandate that each student have a health assessment three times during his/her school education. A student is defined as a child attending Pre-kindergarten (PK) through Grade 12, including Head Start, school readiness or other PK programs administered by a local or regional board of education.

Routine testing for tuberculosis (TB) is discouraged. It is recommended that at each mandated health assessment, students are screened for their “risk” of exposure to TB. Any child determined to be at risk for exposure to TB should be tested with either (but not both) a TB skin test or an interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) blood test. Anyone found to be positive must have an appropriate medical management plan that includes a chest x-ray.

New students who are entering Vernon Public Schools (VPS) from a foreign country will be required to have a TB skin test. A history of a Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination is not a contraindication to testing nor should it be considered in interpretation of any test used to detect TB.

Students who are presently enrolled in VPS who have traveled to a high risk country and stayed for a period of more than 4 months, shall be required to have a TB skin test before reentering school. See attached list of countries.

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