

**Tuberculosis (TB) Skin testing is recommended only for people who:**

- **have symptoms of TB**

or

- **are at higher risk for becoming infected with TB germs**

or

- **are at higher risk of becoming sick if they have the TB infection.**

## **Should I be tested?**

You may need the test if you:

- have any signs of TB (cough, tiredness, night sweats, fever, weight loss, coughing up blood)
- have close contact with someone who has TB disease
- are a health care worker
- live or work in a prison, jail, mental institution, or a nursing home
- lived or traveled in a country where a lot of people have TB
- use needles to inject drugs
- have certain medical conditions such as
  - √ cancer
  - √ severe kidney disease
  - √ diabetes
  - √ silicosis
  - √ HIV infection
  - √ are on steroid medication
  - √ severely underweight



A health care worker will ask you questions to find out if you should be tested for TB. **Please tell the health care worker if you have:**

- had a positive reaction to a TB test in the past.
- or
- been on medication for TB disease or to prevent TB disease.

### **What if my employer or school requires a TB Test?**

If the health care worker determines that you do not need to be tested, you will be given a letter for your employer, school, or who ever sent you for the test.

The letter will state that you have had a negative TB screening assessment and a skin test was not needed.



# Do I Need a TB Skin Test?

Not Everyone  
Needs a TB  
Skin Test



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