

Exception List: Countries at Low Risk for TB

Foreign-born persons from countries with high TB incidence are among the groups that should be screened for TB and TB infection. The CDC defines high risk countries as those with 20 or more TB cases per 100,000 population. Individuals from countries with less than 20 TB cases per 100,000 should only be tested if they are symptomatic or have an individual risk factor for acquiring TB infection or progressing to TB disease.



Current Exception Listⁱ					
Test for Latent TB Infection only if Symptomatic or an Additional Individual Risk Factor is Present					
African Region	American Region	Eastern Mediterranean	European Region	Western Pacific Region	SE Asia Region
Egypt	Antigua & Barbuda Aruba Bahamas Barbados Bermuda Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba Canada Caymen Islands Chile Costa Rica Cuba Curacao Dominica Grenada Jamaica Montserrat Netherlands Antilles Puerto Rico Saint Kitts & Nevis Saint Lucia Sint Maarten (Dutch part) Turks & Caicos United States Virgin Islands (US & BR)	Bahrain Israel Jordan Lebanon Oman Saudi Arabia Syrian Arab Republic United Arab Emirates West Bank and Gaza Strip	Albania Andorra Austria Belgium Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Italy Luxembourg Malta Monaco Netherlands Norway San Marino Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Turkey United Kingdom	American Samoa Australia Cook Islands Japan New Caledonia New Zealand Niue Samoa Tokelau Tonga Wallis & Futuna Islands	No exception countries

ⁱ Case rates obtained from WHO 2014 Global Report. Based on CDC guidance, high risk countries have a case rate of ≥ 20 per 100,000.