

Updated Exception Listing for Target TB Screening

Questions often arise concerning the definition of “high prevalence” country when completing a TB risk assessment tool and determining who needs to be tested. The CDC has defined “high prevalence” as countries having a rate of 20 or more cases per 100,000 population. Individuals from countries with rates less than 20 per 100,000 should only be tested if they are symptomatic or have another individual risk factor for acquiring TB infection or progression to active TB disease.

| Exception List *: Skin Test only if Symptomatic or an Additional Individual Risk Factor is Present | | | | | |
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| African Region | American Region¹ | Eastern Mediterranean Region | European Region | SE Asia Region | Western Pacific Region |
| No exception countries | Antigua & Barbuda Bahamas Barbados Canada Chile Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Grenada Jamaica Puerto Rico Saint Kitts & Nevis Saint Lucia United States <i>See note below[#]</i> Caymen Islands Montserrat Netherlands Antilles Turks & Caicos Islands Virgin Islands (US & BR) | Egypt Jordan Lebanon Oman Saudi Arabia United Arab Emirates West Bank & Gaza | Andorra Austria Belgium Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Israel Ireland Italy Liechtenstein Luxembourg Malta Monaco Netherlands Norway San Marino Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom | No exception countries | American Samoa Australia Fiji New Zealand Samoa |

* Based on countries with a case rate of ≥ 20 per 100,000

[#] The World Health Organization (WHO) is no longer keeping data on TB for a number of the Caribbean Islands. These were considered exception countries and should continue to be considered exceptions. Unlisted islands/countries such as Haiti should continue to be considered high prevalence. Additional information is available at www.who.int/tb/data

! Technically, Mexico has met the criteria of a case rate of ≥ 20 per 100,000. Because of the US and Virginia morbidity represented by individuals from this country, Mexico is not being removed from the exception list at this time.

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