

Updated Exception Listing for Target TB Screening – Help in Deciding Which Countries are High Prevalence.

As part the risk assessment and target screening process, questions often arise concerning the definition “high prevalence country” for the purposes of completing the risk assessment tool and determining who should receive a tuberculin skin test (TST).

As part of the materials distributed for XDR follow-up, the CDC recently defined high prevalence as countries having a case rate of ≥ 20 cases per 100,000. 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.

2010 Country Exception List (*): Skin Test only if Symptomatic or an Additional Individual Risk Factor is Present

American Region	African Region	European Region	Asian Region	Western Pacific Region
Antigua & Barbuda Bahamas Barbados Bermuda Canada Caymen Islands Chile Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Grenada Jamaica Montserrat Netherlands Antilles Puerto Rico Saint Kitts & Nevis Saint Lucia Turks & Caicos Is. United States Virgin Islands (US & BR)	No exception countries	Albania Andorra Austria Belgium Czech Republic Cyprus Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Iceland Ireland Israel Italy Luxembourg Malta Monaco Netherlands Norway San Marino Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom	Egypt Jordan Lebanon Oman Saudi Arabia United Arab Emirates West Bank & Gaza Strip	American Samoa Australia Cook Islands New Zealand Samoa

(*) Based on CDC guidance. High prevalence countries have case rates ≥ 20 per 100,000.