

PURPOSE

To comply with the CDC recommendations for tuberculin testing for screening purposes when staff are also receiving mRNA Covid-19 vaccinations.

POLICY

- I. The mRNA COVID-19 vaccine should not be delayed because of testing for TB infection.
- II. Employee screening tests with the tuberculin skin test (TST) or an interferon release assay (IGRA) may be delayed at hire or when testing is regularly scheduled for screening purposes, to ensure TB tests are not administered within four weeks of the employee's COVID-19 vaccinations.
- III. Employees needing tests for diagnostic purposes, such as after an exposure, will be referred to their primary care provider or the local or state health department for evaluation.

PROCEDURE

- I. Testing for TB infection with either the tuberculin skin test (TST) or an interferon release assay (IGRA) can be completed before or during the same encounter as the mRNA COVID-19 vaccination.
- II. When testing with TST or IGRA cannot be done before or at the same time as mRNA COVID-19 vaccination, the COVID-19 vaccine should not be delayed. The TB testing should be deferred for four (4) or more weeks after the completion of mRNA COVID-19 vaccination.
- III. Employees will document the date of their vaccination on the TB Fact Sheet and Symptom Screen for the purpose of scheduling routine TB.