



TB Control Contact Tracing Recommendations: Inpatient and Healthcare Worker Exposures

TB Case #	PHN	Initials/ DOB
Specimen	Smear	Probe
Culture	Sensitivities	Date form initiated

Exposure location(s)/setting:

Exposure dates:

Infectious period of source case:

Comments re exposure:

Recommendations: TB testing for exposed health care workers (HCW):

TB Screening strongly recommended for those staff who were first line responders/triage (RT, ER staff) or performed high risk procedures on a pulmonary active case (bronchoscopy, sputum collection/induction, intubation), or staff who performed aspiration of TB wound/abscess irrespective of the cumulative exposure.

15 minutes direct face to face contact for other direct HCW

Otherwise, **XX** hours cumulative exposure per week for HCW

** lower threshold for immune compromised staff

Recommend TB testing ≥ 8 week after last contact for HCWs if they have had annual negative skin tests; otherwise recommend initial tst and ≥ 8 weeks after last contact

Recommend CXRs at 4 months after last date of contact for staff who have previous positive skin tests. Further CXR recommendations are dependent upon TB Control physician recommendations.

Recommendations: TB testing for exposed patients

XX hrs cumulative exposure per week for patients

- Patients who fit criteria above who are immune compromised should have an x-ray also at time exposure identified. Further CXR recommendations are TB Control physician recommendations.
- If patients have had a recent transplant, extreme burn injuries, or cancer, please indicate on contact tracing document – further assessment will come from TB Control physician
- Please contact TB Control regarding children ≤ 5 yrs old who have been exposed.
- **Please use the 3rd page of this document to record inpatient contacts.** Fax to TB control 604-707-2690 and address it to Michelle Mesaros's attention. Inpatients to be tested by hospital and 939 form completed and faxed to TB control. Outpatient notification will be done by Michelle.

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NOTICE TO UNIT RN REGARDING:

PLEASE NOTIFY TB CONTROL WHEN PATIENT IS PLANNED FOR DISCHARGE. PATIENT MUST BE FOLLOWED UP PROMPTLY BY TB CONTROL. **CALL 604.707.2720.**

*INFECTION CONTROL: PLEASE ENSURE THIS NOTICE TO THE UNIT NURSE IS ATTACHED TO PATIENT CHART.
(DO NOT ATTACH RECOMMENDATIONS TO PATIENT CHART)*

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