

TB SCREENING GUIDELINES

It is your responsibility to provide proof of being infectious tuberculosis (TB) free prior to reporting to the academy. **IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOUR APPOINTMENT WILL BE RESCINDED.** The TB screening must be performed by a licensed health care provider whose legally authorized scope of practice allows him/her to conduct medical examinations and/or the Mantoux TB Skin Test in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control. The test interpretation must be performed no later than the deadline listed on your Confirmation Notice and no earlier than thirty days prior to your academy check-in date. TB tests conducted outside of this time frame will not be accepted, unless an x-ray was performed.

1. Request the Mantoux TB Skin Test (PPD) from your preferred physician, medical facility, or County Health Department. **This is a two-part TB skin test. You will return to your health care provider within 48-72 hours to have the results of the skin test read. Note: The TB Tine Test is not acceptable.**
2. Obtain documented proof of being free of infectious TB. Your paperwork must show your name and the date of the test, and indicate one of the following:
 - A statement to the effect of "PPD Negative," "Insignificant Reaction," or "No Active Tuberculosis."
 - A measurement of the size of the induration at the injection site of 5 mm or smaller
3. If your PPD result is positive, your physician must provide a chest x-ray report which shows that you do not have active TB. The chest x-ray must be interpreted by a licensed physician and describe anatomical structures, parenchymal infiltrates or pleural effusion, if present, lesions, calcified granulomas or any other abnormal process must be identified. If no acute disease is identified, a printed interpretation must state as such. A reading of "negative chest x-ray" is unacceptable. Your name must be present on the report.
4. If your physician prescribes medication to prevent you from developing active TB, you must disclose this while submitting your required documents. You will be allowed to report to the academy and take your medication while you are there.
5. If your physician determines that you have *active* TB, **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REPORT TO THE ACADEMY.** You will need to be treated by your physician and will need to notify the Peace Officer Appointment Section at (916) 255-0593 of your status.
6. Forward the proof of being infectious TB-free to our office at the above address, no later than one week prior to your academy start date. Only skin test results obtained within thirty days of your academy start date will be accepted. **Note:** Retain a copy of all documentation for your own records. **You may fax your TB results to our office at (916) 255-3301 instead of mailing. You do not need to mail your document if you have faxed it.** Please do not call to confirm that the faxed documents were received. You will be contacted during the week before your academy start date if your TB results have not been received.
7. If you pay for your TB test, the CDCR will reimburse you for the cost of the test, up to \$15.00 for the test and, if needed, \$55.39 for an x-ray. Please complete the shaded areas of the Travel Expense Claim form. Attach your TB test receipt(s) to a blank sheet of paper (8 ½" x 11") and include it with the Travel Expense Claim form. Receipts must be original (no photocopies or faxes will be accepted) and each receipt must specify that payment was made for a TB test procedure. Do not fax your Travel Expense Claim form.