## **Tuberculosis Screening for Applicants in Low Tuberculosis Burden Countries\***

Tuberculosis screening for applicants <15 years of age in low-burden countries

Tuberculosis screening for applicants ≥ 15 years of age in low-burden countries

For all applicants <15 years of age

- Medical history
- Physical examination

For those with signs or symptoms of tuberculosis or known HIV infection

- IGRA (or TST for applicants <2 years of age)</li>
- Chest x-ray
- Three sputum specimens for smears and culture plus molecular testing of the first specimen

For those with positive cultures

Drug susceptibility testing

For all applicants  $\geq$  15 years of age

- Medical history
- Physical examination
- Chest x-ray

For those with a chest x-ray suggestive of tuberculosis, or signs or symptoms of tuberculosis, or known HIV infection

 Three sputum specimens for smears and culture plus molecular testing of the first specimen

For those with positive cultures

Drug susceptibility testing

\*Countries with a World Health Organization-estimated tuberculosis disease incidence rate <20 cases per 100,000 population. IGRA = Interferon-gamma release assay

TST = Tuberculin skin test

Accessible version (URL):

https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/panel-physicians/TB-flowchart-low.html

