

## Tuberculosis Screening for Applicants in Low Tuberculosis Burden Countries

### Tuberculosis Screening for Applicants 2 - 14 Years of Age in Low TB burden countries\*

For all applicants 2 through 14 years of age in low tuberculosis burden countries

- Medical history
- Physical examination

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

- IGRA
- Chest x-ray
- Three sputum smears and three cultures for *M. tuberculosis*

For those with positive cultures

- Drug susceptibility testing

\*Tuberculosis screening for applicants 2 through 14 years of age in countries with a WHO-estimated tuberculosis disease incidence rate <20 cases per 100,000 population.

### Tuberculosis screening for applicants 15 years of age or older in low TB burden countries\*

For all applicants  $\geq 15$  years of age in low tuberculosis burden countries

- 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 smears and three cultures for *M. tuberculosis*

For those with positive cultures

- Drug susceptibility testing

\*Tuberculosis screening for applicants  $\geq 15$  years of age in countries with a WHO-estimated tuberculosis disease incidence rate <20 cases per 100,000 population.

Accessible version (URL):

<https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/ti/panel/TB-flowchart-low.html>

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