

**West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources**  
**Division of Tuberculosis Elimination**  
**WV-DTBE Supported TB Testing Criteria for WV Local Health Departments**

**Mantoux skin test (PPD) is to be used for: (Only those marked with an \* are eligible for state supported testing supplies)**

- \*Persons with signs and symptoms of TB disease
- \*Persons who are contacts to a case of TB disease (a contact investigation is not to be instituted until approved by WV-DTBE)
- \*Persons who are homeless
- \*Persons who are foreign born from endemic countries
- Persons who have visited a TB endemic country for > 2 months
- Persons who have lived in a TB endemic country
- Persons with medical risks as specified:
  - \*Persons with diabetes mellitus
  - \*Persons who are known HIV positive
  - \*Persons with COPD/Black lung/Silicosis
  - \*Persons who are immunocompromised
  - Persons going on or using immunocompromising therapies

**All WV-DTBE supported T-SPOT testing and any PPD testing outside the above stated parameters must have written Prior Approval using this process:**

- Submit Prior Approval (PA) form to DTBE (found on WV-DTBE website)
- Submit patient's completed Risk Assessment
- You may submit any other supporting documentation
- DTBE will respond with written reply within 48 hours

**T-SPOT is the preferred testing for those persons listed below and should be used if the person has the ability to private pay or if a PA is approved by WV-DTBE.**

- Persons who are foreign-born
- Persons who have been treated with BCG for cancer treatment
- Persons who are known HIV positive
- Persons who are immunocompromised
- Persons going on or using immunocompromising therapies

**The only testing eligible for use of WV-DTBE supplied testing material is marked with an \* above. Any TST or IGRA done outside the above stated parameters is the responsibility of the administering health department unless you have written Prior Approval from WV-DTBE personnel. Every health department needs to set up their own personal account with Oxford Immunotec for self-pay T-SPOT needs.**

**Persons presenting for serial testing for employment, education, or a food handler's card with an identified risk (i.e. foreign-born, medical risk) will have their initial test covered by WV-DTBE. Subsequent required serial testing will be at the expense of the patient, the ordering organization or the LHD.**

**Testing, funded by WV-DTBE, is not to be charged an administrative fee as this is considered a barrier to care.**

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