



August 25, 2017

Dear Superintendent and Principal:

This letter describes school tuberculosis (TB) screening requirements for students for the 2017-2018 school year as required by 7 AAC 27.213 “Tuberculosis Screening of School Children”. School TB screening is based on a district’s high versus low risk determined by evidence of current or historical increased risks of TB in the communities served. It is the district’s and nonpublic school’s responsibility to assess the TB status of each student within 90 days of enrollment per the guidance below.

A summary of testing requirements is below. Lists of school districts and communities by TB risk categories, TB Risk Assessment questionnaire, and other school screening information can be found on our webpage: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/tb.aspx>

District Risk Status	Annually Required Screening		Reporting
	Screening Methods	Students to be Screened	
High	Tuberculin skin testing (TST)	All students Kindergarten and higher	By December 15, 2017:  Submit on-line at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F297C9M">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F297C9M</a>  Or fax to 563-7868
Low	<i>The Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment for Alaska Students</i> questionnaire	All students <u>NEW to DISTRICT</u> in grade Pre-K and higher	
	Tuberculin skin testing (TST)	Any new students identified with risk factors from questionnaire above	

**Please ensure that schools are aware of TB screening requirements for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Note that reports are due December 15, 2017. We will send electronic reminders prior to that date.

Please visit our Alaska TB Program webpage for additional information on school screening or contact our program at (907) 269-8000 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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