

**Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools**  
**TUBERCULOSIS (T.B.) TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

TB, or tuberculosis, is a disease caused by bacteria called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The bacteria can attack any part of your body, but they usually attack the lungs. TB disease was once the leading cause of death in the United States.

TB is spread through the air from one person to another. The bacteria are put into the air when a person with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs or sneezes. People nearby may breathe in these bacteria and become infected. People with TB disease are most likely to spread it to people they spend time with every day. This includes family members, friends, and coworkers.

**Students that have ever lived in or visited ANY country outside of the United States for more than 3 MONTHS (90 days) must have a tuberculin skin test or IGRA blood test with follow-up according to the American Thoracic Society/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ATS/CDC) guidelines which are endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). These students must be tested even if they have a history of BCG vaccine.**

1. The TB test must have been administered in the United States. If a student has left or leaves the United States again for more than 3 months, a new TB test will be required before school entry.
2. The school must have a note from a healthcare provider on file stating the result- negative or positive- and the mm size for skin testing.
3. Positive skin reactions require further testing (blood test or chest x-ray).
4. **The results from additional testing must be received before the child will be permitted to enter school.**
5. If your child had a positive TB skin test, followed by a negative chest x-ray, but the chest x-ray was greater than 12 months ago, a new chest x-ray is required unless there is documentation of completed drug therapy for latent TB.

If your child still needs to receive TB testing, contact your family physician.

If you do not have a primary healthcare provider, other locations that offer tuberculin skin testing include: (contact them directly for insurances accepted or fees for service)

Nationwide Children's Hospital- Dublin Close to Home Center on Hospital Drive

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/dublin-close-to-home-on-hospital-drive>

7450 Hospital Dr., Dublin, OH 43016 (614) 355-7000

**Tuberculosis (TB) Screening** (info. current as of 3/1/11)

Monday - Friday, 3 - 7 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, 4 - 8 p.m.

No appointment necessary

Insurance accepted, **cost if no insurance \$10.50**

America's Urgent Care

<http://www.americasurgentcare.com/>

Minute Clinic- Inside CVS

<http://www.minuteclinic.com/OH/Columbus/Clinics.aspx>

The Little Clinic- located inside Kroger

[http://www.thelittleclinic.com/Dot\\_LocationOhio.asp?category=118](http://www.thelittleclinic.com/Dot_LocationOhio.asp?category=118)

Take Care Clinic at Walgreens

<http://www.takecarehealth.com/default.aspx>

***\*\*\*School must have a note from a healthcare provider before your child starts school. Please contact your child's school nurse if you have questions.***