

PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL REFERRAL FOR TB EVALUATION AND/OR TESTING - FORM TB-70S

The TB-70S is to be used by school nurses to refer high risk students (i.e. non U.S.-born) to the local health department for evaluation and/or testing for tuberculosis.

Instructions for School Nurse:

All information in the “School Nurse” section should be completed by the school nurse and the form given to the student’s parent/guardian with instructions to contact the local health department and schedule an appointment for evaluation. The school nurse should explain to the parent/guardian that this is an evaluation for the possible need for testing due to the student being in a high-risk category for TB infection. This does not mean that the student has active tuberculosis. Information on TB infection is located on the back of the TB-70S form. As long as a student is not experiencing symptoms of active tuberculosis disease, referring a high-risk student to the local health department for testing and use of this form, does not require withholding enrollment or preventing a student from attending classes. **If you suspect a student has active tuberculosis disease, immediately contact your local health department or the WV Tuberculosis Elimination Program at 304-558-3669 for guidance.**

Instructions for Local Health Department:

When the student arrives at the local health department, the nurse should complete a Risk Assessment (TB-104) on the student and determine their risk category. IGRA testing is recommended if the student is high-risk, i.e. from a country on the [High-Burden Countries for TB List](#) . Complete the “Local Health Department” section of the TB-70S. Fax the completed TB-70S along with the completed TB-104 to WV TBEP at 304-558-1825.

A completed TB-70S, from a school nurse, serves as prior authorization from WV TBEP for testing. If WV TBEP does not receive a completed school referral form and risk assessment, the charges for testing will be the responsibility of the local health department.