



HOMES AND SENIOR SERVICES

POLICY & PROCEDURE NUMBER: 3.2

DEPARTMENT: *Infection Control*

SUBJECT: *TB Screening – Staff, Students,
Volunteers External Care Team
Providers*

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PURPOSE: Baseline testing for *M. tuberculosis* reduces the risk of infection and provides a basis for comparison in the event of potential or known exposure.

TB skin test results will be submitted and maintained confidentially as health information within the individual record and/or contract file.

PROCEDURE:

1. All new staff, students, volunteers and care team partners will be informed of the requirement for two-step tuberculin testing prior to commencing work within the Elgin County Homes.
2. Staff, students and volunteers who have a documented two-step result per Public Health, may complete a single-step test prior to commencing work within the Home.
3. Pregnancy does not contraindicate performance of a Mantoux skin test. However, if a pregnant woman considered to be high risk of TB infection is skin tested and is negative, she should be re-tested following pregnancy to ensure that her test is indeed negative.
4. Information regarding TB testing clinics with local public health will be available and provided, as needed and/or requested.
5. Refer to policy “4.16 – Guidelines for Management of Tuberculosis” for specific details for staff, students, volunteers, and external care team providers.

REFERENCE: Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 7th ed., 2013