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SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Tuberculosis Control Program Guidance on the New CDC Recommendations for Tuberculosis Screening, Testing and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel

The Los Angeles County (LAC) Tuberculosis Control Program (TBCP) acknowledges the evidence-based recommendations in the recently released Tuberculosis Screening, Testing and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel: Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Association and CDC, 2019 ([MMWR Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2019; 68\(19\);439-443](#)).

Although the recommendations presented are consistent with the California Tuberculosis Elimination Plan to reduce tuberculosis (TB) testing in low risk populations and align with the LAC TBCP vision to eliminate tuberculosis in Los Angeles County, **health care personnel TB screening and testing must continue as mandated in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 8, Section 5199 (Cal OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard), and CCR Title 22, Division 5, Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities**, until further direction is provided by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Licensing and Certification (L&C).

For questions regarding the interpretation of the current ATD standard, please contact the nearest Cal/OSHA Consultative service office:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation_offices.html.

For questions regarding employee health assessments under Title 22, please contact the CDPH L&C District office for your county.

If you would like to receive updates on the work being done to address the alignment of California law with CDC best practice recommendations, please send your name and contact information to the following email address (tbc@ph.lacounty.gov). Please write "Tuberculosis Screening, Testing and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel" in the subject line.