

Tuberculosis Screening for Applicants in High Tuberculosis Burden Countries*

Tuberculosis screening for applicants <2 years of age in high-burden countries

For all applicants <2 years of age

- Medical history
- Physical examination

For those with signs or symptoms of tuberculosis or known HIV infection

- IGRA or TST
- Chest x-ray
- Three sputum specimens for smears and culture plus molecular testing of the first specimen

For those with positive cultures

- Drug susceptibility testing

* Countries with a World Health Organization-estimated tuberculosis disease incidence rate ≥ 20 cases per 100,000 population
 IGRA = Interferon-gamma release assay
 TST = Tuberculin skin test

Tuberculosis screening for applicants ≥ 2 years of age in high-burden countries

For all applicants ≥ 2 years of age

- Medical history
- Physical examination
- IGRA

Chest x-ray required for:

- All applicants ≥ 15 years of age regardless of IGRA result
- Those <15 years of age with a positive IGRA, or signs or symptoms of tuberculosis, or known HIV infection

For those with a chest x-ray suggestive of tuberculosis, or signs or symptoms of tuberculosis, or known HIV infection

- Three sputum specimens for smears and culture plus molecular testing of the first specimen

For those with positive cultures

- Drug susceptibility testing

Accessible version (URL):
<https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/panel-physicians/TB-flowchart-high.html>

