



TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Memo

To: *New Employees*

From: *Troy Walton, Superintendent*

Date: *December 18, 2017*

Re: *Mantoux/Tuberculosis Testing*

As required by law, a tuberculosis test shall be given upon employment to all newly hired employees (full and part-time), all student teachers, substitute employees and other persons (e.g. volunteers) who have contact with students.

Exemptions:

*Tuberculosis testing is **not recommended** for volunteers working with pupils for less than 20 hours per month.*

*Tuberculosis testing is **not recommended** for new employees, student teachers and contractors of the district with a documented negative tuberculosis test result in the last six months or a documented positive tuberculosis test, regardless of when this test was done.*

*Tuberculosis testing is **not recommended** for a school employee transferring between school districts or from a non-public school within New Jersey with a documented tuberculosis test result upon his/her initial employment by a New Jersey school.*

Employees, student teachers, contractors or volunteers who have contact with students and claim religious exemption cannot be compelled to submit to tuberculosis testing. In these instances, a symptom assessment should be done (TB-8 Form). If TB like symptoms are reported, a physician must document that the employee, student teacher, contractor or volunteer does not have active disease. Each school district is responsible for determining the criteria essential to document a valid religious exemption.

The tuberculosis test may be completed by the district's physician at no charge or you may elect to have this test performed by your personal physician. District Physician Information: Dr. David M. Koerner, Voorhees Family Practice, 102 West White Horse Road, Suite 102, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Please call 856-783-6200 to schedule an appointment.