

SAFETY BULLETIN

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TUBERCULOSIS TESTING REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

Assembly Bill 1667 has changed the requirement for universal TB testing for school employees and volunteers. Instead of a mandatory examination, candidates can now fill out a TB Risk Assessment Questionnaire instead.

As of January 1, 2015:

-School employees can fill out the TB risk assessment questionnaire instead of getting a TB test when initially hired and every four years thereafter, as required under the previous mandate.

-The risk assessment questionnaire must be administered by a licensed health care provider- your school nurse can administer, review and sign the form.

-If TB risk factors are identified, then the employee must see a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner for an examination.

The Form:

-The TB risk assessment questionnaire can be found on the following websites:

- California School Nurses Organization (<http://www.csno.org/>)
 - California Department of Education (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/index.asp>)
- Alternately, email kwalling@stsig.org and I will send you a copy.

More Information:

- The California School Nurses Association has a great FAQ sheet that can be found under School Nurse Resources at the following web address:

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/faq_ab1667_revised_20150303.pdf

For any questions regarding this Safety Bulletin, or requests for free onsite safety classes, please contact Kurt Walling, the Loss Prevention Manager for STSIG at kwalling@stsig.org, or 530-221-6444.

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