

Volunteer Program Tuberculosis Testing Guidelines

In compliance with Nationwide Children's Hospital Infections Control Policy IX-1, the following procedures outline the Volunteer Programs guidelines for preventing the transmission of tuberculosis, specifically with volunteers. These procedures are a collaborative effort between Epidemiology, Employee Health and Family and Volunteer Services. All volunteers at Nationwide Children's Hospital are required to comply with this plan.

Current Adult Volunteers:

Current adult volunteers are those that are 18 years and older, out of high school and already active in the Nationwide Children's volunteer program. Expectations of current volunteers are as follows:

1. Current volunteers will be required to have a 1-step PPD as part of their mandatory annual retraining.
2. Current volunteers will complete their TB testing annually during their retraining month.
3. Current volunteers may go to Employee Health on designated days/hours to have PPD placed and return as directed by Employee Health to have it read. There is no charge.
4. Follow-up and counseling for a positive TB test which was administered at Nationwide Children's will be provided by Employee Health.
5. TB testing can be completed by an outside community provider. Please contact Nationwide Children's Hospital Employee Health for instruction. EmpHealth@NationwideChildrens.org or (614) 355-4135.

Volunteers returning to the program after being inactive due to a leave of absence or a termination will meet TB requirements based on the following criteria:

1. If the returning volunteer's last date of service

was within the previous 13 months, he or she will be required to have a 1-step PPD as part of their mandatory annual retraining.

2. If the returning volunteer's last date of service was over 13 months, he or she will receive a QFT-Gold test, provided free of charge, by Nationwide Children's Hospital. This test can be administered by nurses in Employee Health or in the Nationwide Children's outpatient lab. This may be part of annual retraining or orientation, if the volunteer has been separated from the program for a lengthy period, as determined by the Volunteer Coordinator.

Current Teen Volunteers:

Teen volunteers age 15 through 18, currently in high school, and currently active in the Nationwide Children's volunteer program are required to provide annual documentation of a negative TB test during their retraining month. Nationwide Children's Hospital will not provide testing or follow-up for current teen volunteers.

Tracking:

Employee Health will maintain documentation and tracking of TB results of volunteers and report results to Volunteer Program for follow-up.



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