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**Health Advisory**  
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**Assembly Bill (AB) 1667:  
TB Screening for School Employees &  
Volunteers**

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Assembly Bill (AB) 1667, effective January 1, 2015, replaces the universally required Tuberculosis (TB) test for private, parochial, public K-12 school and nursery school employees and volunteers with a **TB risk assessment questionnaire**. Under this new law, TB testing is based on the results of the TB risk assessment reflecting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) targeted TB testing recommendations. The change to a risk assessment approach is based on medical evidence suggesting universal TB testing is neither necessary nor cost-effective.

**Changes for Pre-K and K-12 employees and volunteers:**

1. Replaces the mandated TB examination on initial employment with a TB risk assessment, and TB testing based on the results of the TB risk assessment.
2. Replaces mandated TB examination every four years for school employees who have no identified TB risk factors or who test negative for TB infection with a TB risk assessment, and TB testing based on the results of the TB risk assessment
3. Replaces mandated TB examination for volunteers with a TB risk assessment questionnaire administered on initial assignment, and TB testing based on the results of the TB risk assessment.

*For additional guidance, please see the links below to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, Risk assessment questionnaire and the Certificate of Completion form.*

**Resources:**

California School Nurses Organization, TB screening algorithm

[http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/pre-k\\_k-12\\_tb\\_screening\\_requirements\\_algorithm.pdf](http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/pre-k_k-12_tb_screening_requirements_algorithm.pdf)

CDPH, Tuberculosis Control Branch, **Risk assessment questionnaire and Certificate of completion**

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tb/Documents/TBCB-Adult-TB-Risk-Assessment.pdf>

CDPH, Tuberculosis Control Branch, Frequently Asked Questions Document

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tb/Documents/TBCB-Adult-TB-Risk-Assessment-FAQ.pdf>

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