

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Freedom from tuberculosis in a communicable form is a condition of employment. In accordance with state law, a physical examination and certification that the individual poses no direct threat to the health or safety of the individual or others will be required of each school district employee at the time of his/her initial employment. This physical exam must include a screening questionnaire for tuberculosis approved by the department of health services and, if indicated, a test to determine the presence or absence of tuberculosis in a communicable form. If the reaction to the tuberculin test is positive, a chest X-ray shall be required. Additional physical examinations and/or completion of the screening questionnaire for tuberculosis shall be required thereafter at intervals determined by the school medical advisor.

After completing initial district employment requirements, individuals may be given additional screening questionnaires that may be administered by the school nurse or registered nurse. The screening questionnaire shall contain space for certification that the person examined by the registered nurse or school nurse does not have risk factors for tuberculosis. If tuberculosis risk factors are identified on the screening questionnaire, the registered nurse or school nurse shall recommend that the person receive a tuberculin skin test from a practitioner to determine the presence or absence of tuberculosis in a communicable form. If a test to determine the presence or absence of tuberculosis in a communicable form is recommended of the person, and if the test indicates the absence of tuberculosis in a communicable form, the practitioner who administers the test shall certify, on a form prepared by the department of health services, that the person appears to be free from tuberculosis in a communicable form. If a tuberculin test has a positive reaction of 15 mm will be considered high risk and will be referred for a chest X-ray and follow-up with the school medical advisor. A positive reaction will be based upon 5, 10, or 15 mm criteria as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the case of a new school employee, the board of education may permit the school employee to submit proof of an examination, chest X-ray, or tuberculin test complying with this policy which was taken within the past 90 days in lieu of requiring such examination.

The provider making a physical examination shall prepare a report of the examination on a standard form prepared by section 118.25 of the Wisconsin statutes. Such report shall be retained in the provider's files and the provider shall make confidential recommendations there to the school board and school employee. The recommendation form shall contain space for a certificate that the person is free from tuberculosis in a communicable form. The cost of such examinations, including X-rays and tuberculin tests, shall be paid out of school district funds.

In all cases, the examining provider will be a Medford area provider and the cost shall be as determined by said provider and Medford Area Public School District. Anyone wishing to use other medical sources for these exams must have prior approval and will be paid only that amount set by Aspirus Medford Clinic for these services.

If an employee is absent from work because of illness, the board of education may request certification that the individual poses no direct threat to the health or safety of the individual or others before the employee resumes work.

CROSS REFERENCE: JHCC

LEGAL REFERENCE: Sections 118.25, 121.52(3)(a) Wis. Stats.