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Tuberculosis Prevention Program Guidelines

I. Purpose

- A. To minimize the occupational exposure of all Alameda County Probation Department's employees to Tuberculosis (TB).
- B. To establish guidelines for the administration of an annual tuberculosis test.

II. Policy

All sworn and non-sworn staff of the Alameda County Probation Department shall be given the opportunity to test for exposure to tuberculosis on an annual basis. Testing will be offered on an on-duty basis. Personnel may elect to be tested by their own medical provider in an off-duty status.

III. Procedure

The Alameda County Probation Department's Safety Coordinator and the Alameda County Risk Management shall jointly implement an annual tuberculosis testing program for the Probation Department's employees.

- A. The Tuberculin Test
 - 1. This simple skin test can help to show whether you have been exposed to TB and/or have TB in your body.
 - 2. The test site must be examined 48-72 hours later for the test to be valid. When the clinician has examined the test site, you will be told one of two things:
 - a. Negative Reaction
You have no reaction to the test; or you have a reaction that the clinician says is "negative" or "not significant." This means that your body probably does not contain TB.
 - b. Positive Reaction
You have a reaction to the test that the clinician says is "positive" or "significant". This does not mean that you have tuberculosis. It means that TB has entered your body. A "positive" or "significant" test by itself does not mean that others are at risk.
 - 3. After the Test
 - a. If you have a "negative" or "not significant" reaction, your skin test should be repeated annually.

- b. If you are told you have a “positive” or “significant” reaction you may be required to have a chest x-ray. Any follow-up tests, treatment, etc., will be given by your medical provider or by your occupational health care provider.
- B. If you have previously tested positive you will complete a health questionnaire which will be medically reviewed to determine what, if any, follow-up is necessary.

If an x-ray is required due to a previous positive screen, it will be done at County expense.