



CASEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Risk Assessment and Testing Policy

1. As of 07SEP2011, the USFK Command Surgeon has directed that all students attending DODEA schools in the Republic of Korea must be routinely evaluated for their risk of exposure to active tuberculosis. DODEA schools are responsible for mandating latent tuberculosis screening for all new students prior to initial registration. In addition, DODEA schools are responsible for assessing each student's risk of exposure to active tuberculosis on a yearly basis.

2. Data from the World Health Organization has proven that risk of exposure to tuberculosis is much greater in the Republic of Korea than in the United States.

3. All students attending Camp Casey Elementary School must comply with the following guidelines:

a. All students will complete the **risk assessment questionnaire (reverse)** at initial enrollment and annual re-enrollment.

b. Prior to entry to Camp Casey Elementary School, new students must provide evidence of a **tuberculosis skin test (PPD test)** within three months prior to registration. The test will not be considered valid unless the results have been recorded by a medical professional.

c. Students may be referred to Camp Casey Family Medical Clinic for additional screening if they are assessed to be at high risk for active tuberculosis exposure.

d. It is highly recommended that students receive a tuberculosis skin test (PPD test) between 3 to 6 months after leaving Korea permanently.

4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at DSN 730-6405 or at [Lindsay.swan@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Lindsay.swan@pac.dodea.edu).

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last PPD (TB skin test) and result: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Questionnaire**

*Please indicate "YES" or "NO" for each question*

**Children may have been exposed to active TB if:**

CDC/TB/Basic Risk Factors <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/basics/risk.htm>

YES	NO	Risk of Active TB Exposure Usually Occurs with Close Contact to Infected Persons that are Showing Symptoms (Cough, weight loss)
		Exposure to a person diagnosed with active (infectious)TB disease
		Travel to a country that has a high rate of TB, World Health Organization country data: <a href="http://www.who.int/tb/country/data/download/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/tb/country/data/download/en/index.html</a> tables <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tuberculosis-prevalence-WHO-2009.svg">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tuberculosis-prevalence-WHO-2009.svg</a> maps
		Exposed to persons who work or reside with homeless persons, infection drug users, or person with HIV infection (high rate of TB transmission)
		Exposed to persons who work in hospitals, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, nursing homes, and residential homes for HIV patients (high risk of active TB
		Exposed to persons who have weakened immune systems from illnesses such as HIV infection, Silicosis, Diabetes Mellitus, Severe Kidney Disease, Head and Neck Cancers
		Exposed to persons who have weakened immune systems from Low Body Weight, Organ Transplants, Medical Treatments such as corticosteroids, Specialized treatments for rheumatoid arthritis or Crohn's disease

**Children may be showing early signs of active TB if:**

World Health Organization Communicable Diseases, Tuberculosis, Factsheets

[http://www.searo.who.int/en/Section10/Section2097/Section2106\\_10681.htm](http://www.searo.who.int/en/Section10/Section2097/Section2106_10681.htm)

YES	NO	Suspect Active TB Disease in a Child with Symptoms
		Student is ill, with a history of contact with a suspect of confirmed case of pulmonary TB
		Student who does not return to normal health after measles or whooping cough
		Student demonstrates a loss of weight, cough, and/or fever and does not respond to antibiotic therapy for acute respiratory disease
		Student with abdominal swelling, hard painless mass and free fluid
		Student with a painless firm or soft swelling in a group of superficial lymph nodes
		Student with signs suggesting meningitis or disease of the central nervous system

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone #/email: \_\_\_\_\_