

Tuberculosis (TB) Follow-Up Recommendations:

Arrivals With a TB Class Condition



TB Classification	Overseas Screening	U.S. TB Follow-Up Recommendations
Class A —Infectious TB including extrapulmonary with abnormal CXR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Identified to have infectious TB ✓ Often must complete treatment before travel is permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a stateside chest X-ray (CXR).* <input type="checkbox"/> Assess the patient clinically and perform additional diagnostic testing, such as sputum collection for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) smear and culture, if indicated. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue or revise treatment regimen, as indicated.‡
Class B0 —Completed treatment for active TB with overseas panel physician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Identified to have active TB ✓ Completed adequate anti-TB directly observed therapy (DOT) before departure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No follow-up guideline has been established by CDC. <input type="checkbox"/> No TB follow-up is recommended at this time.
Class B1 —May have clinically active (NOT infectious) pulmonary or extrapulmonary TB (previously treated TB without panel physician)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Abnormal CXR or positive HIV test ✓ Three negative sputum smears and cultures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform an interferon gamma release assay (IGRA).^β <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a stateside CXR.* <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate for signs and symptoms of active TB. <input type="checkbox"/> If there is a positive IGRA and abnormal CXR, collect three sputa for AFB smear and culture. <input type="checkbox"/> Treat for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) or active TB, as appropriate.‡
Class B2 —May have TB infection (NOT active)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Positive IGRA (TST no longer accepted in panel physician guidelines) ✓ Normal CXR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a stateside CXR.* <input type="checkbox"/> In cases where a TST was performed overseas, perform an IGRA.^β <input type="checkbox"/> If there is a positive IGRA and abnormal CXR, collect three sputa for AFB smear and culture. <input type="checkbox"/> Treat for LTBI or active TB as appropriate.‡
Class B3 —Contact with someone with active TB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Identified as a contact to a person known to have TB disease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform an IGRA.^β <input type="checkbox"/> If IGRA is positive, perform a stateside CXR.* <input type="checkbox"/> If the IGRA is positive and the CXR is abnormal, collect three sputa for AFB smear and culture. <input type="checkbox"/> Treat for LTBI or active TB as appropriate.‡

 Please enter results of patient testing and evaluation into the electronic TB worksheet in WEDSS.

(*) Perform a CXR stateside and compare it with the overseas CXR when available.
 (‡) DOT is the standard of practice for persons with TB disease.
 (β) IGRA may be used for children 2 and up. It should be performed on all TB Class B1, B2, and B3 individuals who do not have a **documented** previously positive IGRA.

