



Tuberculosis (TB) Follow-up Recommendations For Arrivals with a TB Class Condition

Arrival's Class Status	TB Follow-up Recommendations
No TB Class – Refugee Arrivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> These patients had a normal tuberculosis screening examination overseas. <input type="checkbox"/> TB follow-up for immigrants with no TB class is not required.
Class A TB – Active pulmonary TB disease, sputum smear - positive (<i>i.e.</i> , on treatment and smear-negative prior to travel). Requires a waiver from the jurisdiction accepting the patient.	<p>Consider this patient to have active TB disease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a stateside chest x-ray (CXR) regardless of CXR results from overseas*. <input type="checkbox"/> Assess the patient clinically and perform additional diagnostic testing, such as sputum collection for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) culture and smear, if indicated. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue or revise treatment regimen, as indicated. <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately report a case of active TB disease to Wisconsin TB Program by calling (608) 261-6319. <p>Directly observed therapy (DOT) is the standard of practice for persons with TB disease.</p>
Class B1 TB – Evidence of pulmonary or extrapulmonary TB disease (non-infectious), sputum smear -negative; includes “old healed TB”, previously treated TB and HIV-positive individuals regardless of overseas CXR results.	<p>Evaluate the patient for TB disease or latent TB infection (LTBI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a stateside CXR regardless of CXR results from overseas*. <input type="checkbox"/> Administer an Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA), regardless of BCG history, unless the patient has a documented previously positive IGRA test or documented treatment of TB disease.^{¥β} <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate for signs and symptoms that may have developed since the overseas exam. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform additional diagnostic testing, such as sputum collection for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) culture and smear, if indicated. <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate treatment for TB disease, if indicated. <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately report a case of active TB disease to Wisconsin TB Program by calling (608) 261-6319. <input type="checkbox"/> It is the standard of practice in the United States to offer treatment for LTBI, once active TB disease is ruled out. <p>Directly observed therapy (DOT) is the standard of practice for persons with TB disease.</p>
Class B2 TB – LTBI (overseas tuberculin skin test (TST) ≥ 10 mm or a positive IGRA)	<p>Consider the patient to potentially have LTBI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Administer an IGRA, regardless of BCG history, unless the patient has a documented previously positive IGRA test.^{¥β} <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a stateside CXR regardless of CXR results from overseas*. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform additional diagnostic testing, such as sputum collection for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) culture and smear, if indicated. <input type="checkbox"/> It is the standard of practice in the United States to offer treatment for LTBI, once active TB disease is ruled out.
Class B3 TB – TB contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review overseas medical exam documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Administer an IGRA, regardless of BCG history, unless the patient has a documented previously positive IGRA test.^{¥β} <input type="checkbox"/> CXR should be performed for those who have a positive IGRA and/or signs and symptoms compatible with TB disease*. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform additional diagnostic testing, such as sputum collection for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) culture and smear, if indicated. <p>If more information is needed about the source case, call (608) 261-6319.</p>

(*) Perform a CXR stateside and compare it with the overseas CXR when available.

(¥) Pregnancy is not a medical contraindication for testing for tuberculosis (CXR, IGRA or TST).

(β) IGRA may be used for children 5 and up. A skin test (TST) administered prior to 6 months of age may yield a false negative result, and should be repeated after age 6 months if the infant is at risk of TB.

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