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## Fwd: TB testing for school employees

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From: **John Salois** <johns@bps.k12.mt.us>  
Date: Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 11:33 AM  
Subject: Re: TB testing for school employees  
To: Weight, Ryan <Ryan.Weight@mt.gov>

Ryan,

Thank you. I just came on as HR Director in January so did not know about this until Lee Notified me of the change. I will have our Superintendent recommend a change to our hiring policy so we no longer do this.

John Salois

On Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 11:32 AM Weight, Ryan <Ryan.Weight@mt.gov> wrote:

Hello John,

That is correct. For schools we don't require or recommend any testing or screening for TB. If you ever have someone that is symptomatic, they should be referred to a health care provider for work up. Here is the language released back in 2017:

37.114.1010 – Employee of School/Day Care Facility Provider The section requiring a tuberculin skin test prior to employment at schools and day cares was repealed. CDC guidelines discourage TB testing of low-risk persons and groups because when the prevalence of latent TB infection is low, testing results in an unsatisfactorily high number of false positive tests. Montana is a low-incidence state for active tuberculosis: only four cases of TB were reported in Montana in 2016 and in the last decade (2007-2016) an average of seven cases were reported annually. CDC and the State TB Program instead recommend that providers and local public health jurisdictions only test individuals who are at risk for TB.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,



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