

TB Testing Instructions and Requirements

<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/testing/healthcareworkers.htm>

Prior to job shadowing at the Grande Ronde Hospital all participants must take a TB Test. There are two options to have the TB Test completed. The first option is called Baseline Testing, which is a blood test and only requires a one-time visit to a clinic. The second option is called Two-Step TST Testing where you will go to the clinic multiple times for testing, results, then more testing. Most insurance providers will cover the cost of a TB Test.

- The student will get a printout of the TB blood test lab result. This will come from the ordering provider once the TB has resulted.
- If student does the TB skin test, the provider will document the skin test dates and both sets of results. Providers usually have their own standardized TB skin testing form.
- **Email Education at GRH with your TB results, education@grh.org.**
- **Deadline for TB Testing is May 14, 2024.**

Baseline Testing

The process for baseline testing using a TB blood test is as follows:

1. Receive TB blood test following proper protocol
2. Review result
 - Positive – consider TB infected and evaluate for TB disease
 - Negative – consider not infected
3. Email results to GRH

Two-Step TST Testing

Step 1

1. Receive first TST following proper protocol
2. Review results
 - Positive – consider TB infected, no second TST needed; evaluate for TB disease.
 - Negative – a second TST is needed. Retest in one week after first TST result is read.
3. Document result

Step 2

1. Receive second TST one week after first test
2. Review results
 - Positive – consider TB infected; evaluate for TB disease.
 - Negative – consider not infected
3. Email results of both tests to GRH