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Contra Costa County Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment Questionnaire and Option for Symptom Questionnaire-Based Temporary Waiver from TB testing

Due to the difficulty obtaining testing and the need to decrease non-emergency visits to Health Care facilities, Dr. Ori Tzvieli, Deputy Health Officer for Contra Costa County is temporarily granting Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AODS) and its Substance Use Providers a temporary waiver to obtain TB testing during the COVID19 crisis in Contra Costa County in an effort to decrease non-emergency visits to Health Care facilities, including the hospital, emergency room, health care for the homeless clinics, etc.

Regulatory Requirements -

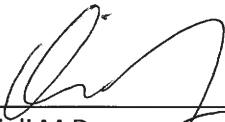
Title 9 CCR § 10567. Resident Health Screening

(b) Every resident shall be tested for tuberculosis under licensed medical supervision within six (6) months prior to or thirty (30) days after admission and annually thereafter if continuous participation is maintained.
(1) Residents with a known record of tuberculosis or record of positive testing shall not be required to be retested if a physician verifies the individual has been under regular care and monitoring for tuberculosis.

All clients in Substance Use Disorder facilities should be screened for TB symptoms and risk factors prior to admission utilizing the following questions as recommended by the Center for Disease Control. The purpose of this tool is to identify **individuals** with infectious tuberculosis (TB) to prevent them from spreading disease.

Risk Assessment Questions	
TB testing is still required if any of the 4 boxes below are checked	
Are you currently experiencing a prolonged cough, coughing up blood, fever, night sweats, weight loss, or excessive fatigue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you recently traveled to, or resided in a country with an elevated TB rate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you had close contact to someone with infectious TB disease during your lifetime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you have HIV infection, organ transplant recipient, take steroid or other immunosuppressive medications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO

As per this memo, if a client answers yes to any of the screening questions, TB testing is still required as per existing timeframes above. If patient answers in the negative to all the questions, then the requirement of TB testing is waived through 9/1/2020. Answers to the questionnaire above should be documented in the patient's record and must be presented to county public health personnel upon request.



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