

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED TB MEDICAL EVALUATION FOR NEWLY ARRIVING REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

TB CLASSIFICATION FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

- Class A TB:** Applicants have TB disease and were granted a waiver for entry into the United States.
- Class B-0 TB, Pulmonary:** Applicants have been diagnosed with TB disease and successfully completed treatment abroad.
- Class B-1 TB, Pulmonary:** Applicants have a physical exam, symptoms or chest -ray findings suggestive of TB disease but have negative AFB smear and culture.
- Class B-1, Extrapulmonary:** Applicants are diagnosed with extrapulmonary TB disease with a normal chest X-ray and negative smears and cultures.
- Class B-2 TB, LTBI:** Applicants have a positive IGRA (interferon gamma release assay) or TB skin test but otherwise negative evaluation for TB.
- Class B-3 TB, Contact:** Applicants have had recent exposure to an infectious TB case.

The medical evaluation information listed below is provided as a summary of the current Technical Instructions and should not be used as a substitute for medical judgement. More information is available at the following CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/pdf/TB-civil-tech-instructions.pdf>

The primary goal of the TB medical evaluation for newly arriving refugees and immigrants is to identify individuals with TB disease or LTBI (latent TB infection) and ensure timely treatment. The following recommendations are provided for the medical evaluation of newly arriving refugees and immigrants based on the above TB classification category:

Recommended TB Medical Follow-up for Newly Arriving Refugees and Immigrants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Class A TB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical evaluation ○ Chest X-ray ○ Sputum for AFB, PCR and culture ○ Start treatment for active TB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Class B-0 TB, Pulmonary, completed treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical evaluation ○ Chest X-ray ○ Obtain copy of treatment completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Class B-1 TB, Pulmonary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical evaluation ○ IGRA or TB skin test ○ Chest X-ray (regardless of IGRA or TB skin test result) ○ Sputum collection for AFB, PCR and culture if abnormal chest X-ray or TB symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Class B-1 TB, Extrapulmonary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical evaluation ○ Chest X-ray ○ Start treatment for active TB (unless documentation of completion of treatment)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Class B-2 TB, LTBI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical evaluation ○ IGRA or TB skin test (unless documentation of prior testing accepted) ○ Chest X-ray (if IGRA or TB skin test is positive) ○ Recommend treatment for LTBI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Class B-3 TB, Contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical evaluation ○ IGRA or TB skin test (based on date of last exposure) ○ Chest X-ray (if IGRA or TB skin test is positive) ○ Recommend treatment for LTBI