



STATE OF HAWAII
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**MEDICAL ADVISORY: Reinstatement of Tuberculin Skin Testing Services and
Availability of Purified Protein Derivative Solution**

Dear Healthcare Providers,

The supply of Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) solution is returning to normal levels throughout Hawaii. Therefore, we encourage you to resume providing tuberculin skin testing (TST) to your clients, effective immediately. If you are unable to obtain PPD solution through your usual supplier, the following vendors may be able to assist:

R. Weinstein, Inc.
Phone: (808) 591-8331

Moore Medical
Phone: (800) 234-1464

AmerisourceBergen
Phone: (808) 848-6566

The temporary suspension of tuberculosis (TB) clearance requirements (mandated in Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 164) will expire on August 9, 2013. The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) will resume providing TST in all DOH TB clinics statewide on July 15, 2013. In anticipation of the likely high demand for testing with the reinstatement of TB clearance requirements, especially with the new school year approaching, we will increase staffing and expand testing hours at all DOH locations that provide TST. For a detailed list of all DOH testing sites and hours, please visit www.hawaii.gov/health/tb.

We appreciate your patience and assistance during this transition period as critical partners in ensuring the public's health. Please call the TB Branch at (808) 832-5731 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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