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**MEDICAL ADVISORY: EVALUATION OF PEOPLE EXPOSED TO TUBERCULOSIS  
AT A LEEWARD OAHU HIGH SCHOOL**

- An individual who attends a Leeward Oahu high school has been diagnosed with active tuberculosis (TB).
- DOH is working with the school and Department of Education to fully identify and evaluate those at risk, but families may choose to be evaluated at your office or practice.
- Please review the below process for evaluating a person who may have been exposed to TB.
- Call DOH TB Branch at (808) 832-5535 if clinical assistance is needed.

Dear Healthcare Provider:

The Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH) TB Control Branch has identified an individual with pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) who has potentially exposed persons at a public high school in Leeward Oahu. HDOH has assessed the risk of TB transmission for the student body and staff.

At this time, it is recommended that individuals ***whom DOH has identified as having a risk of exposure*** be evaluated and tested for TB.

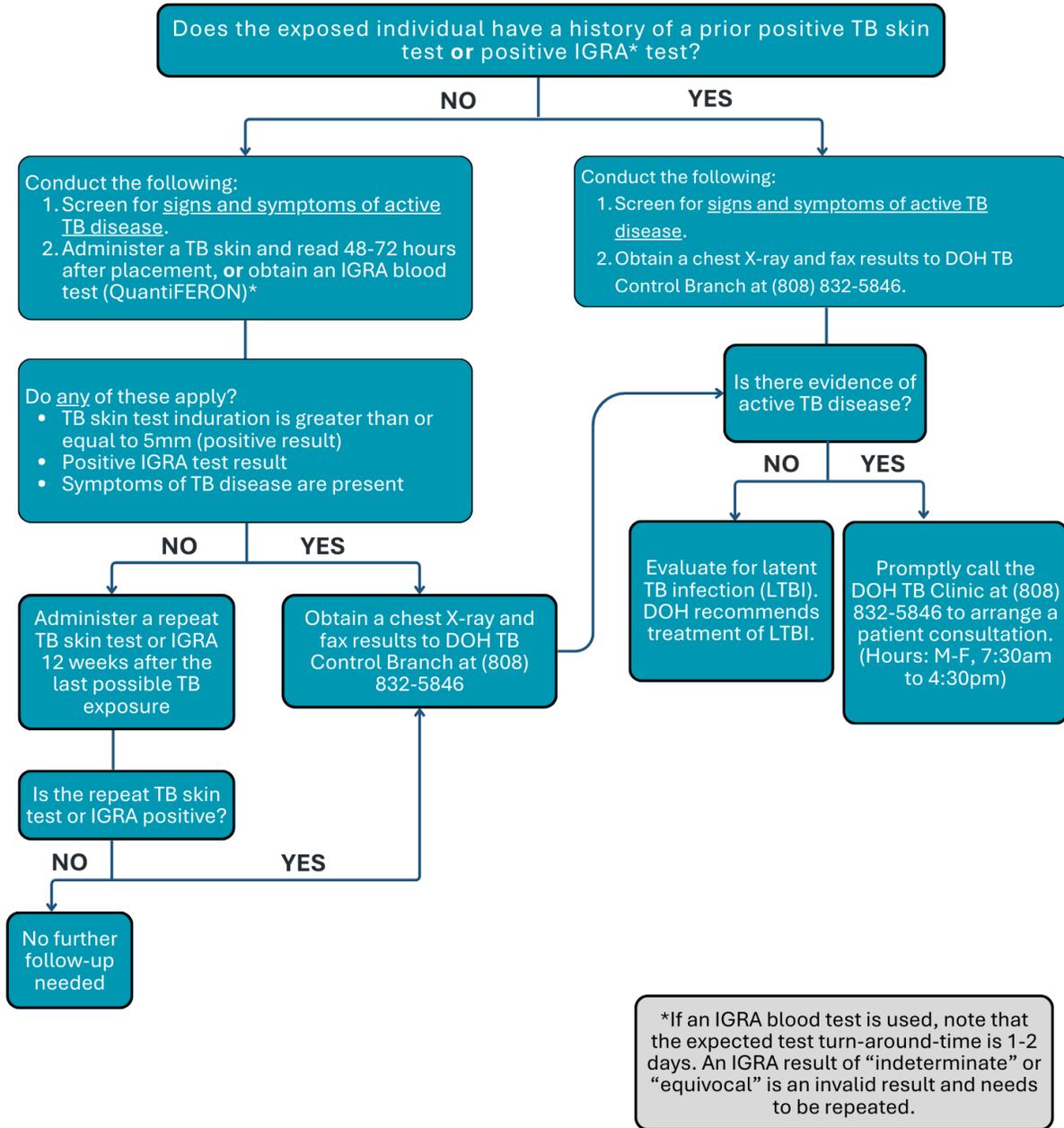
HDOH, in partnership with the Department of Education (DOE), has delivered letters to all employees and parents/guardians of students at the affected school. The letters notify the recipient whether they or their child were exposed and recommend if TB testing is needed. Currently, HDOH estimates approximately 121 individual contacts will require TB evaluation.

For those whom testing is recommended, DOH will provide screening and administration of TB tests at the school during the week of March 2 - March 6, 2026.

Families may choose to be tested at your office or practice.

HDOH recommends taking the following steps when evaluating a person who has received a letter indicating TB exposure:

## Evaluation of a Person Exposed to TB



\*If an IGRA blood test is used, note that the expected test turn-around-time is 1-2 days. An IGRA result of "indeterminate" or "equivocal" is an invalid result and needs to be repeated.



If you do not feel comfortable performing the TB evaluation for these identified contacts, please encourage them to complete their evaluations with HDOH during the school testing dates. If your patient cannot attend the school testing dates, they may call the Waipahu Public Health Nursing Office at (808) 675-0073 to schedule an appointment.

Please be aware that members of the school community who were NOT identified as contacts also received letters explaining testing was NOT recommended. Nevertheless, they may seek TB testing at your office or clinic. If you decide to test this population (who was not determined to have a true exposure to TB), a TB skin test is considered **positive at  $\geq 10$  mm induration for this group**.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for partnering with us to ensure a safe and healthy community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Genevieve Ley at the Department of Health TB Control Branch, (808) 832-5535 or [genevieve.ley@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:genevieve.ley@doh.hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,



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