

Interpretation of TB Skin Test as “Positive”

Use these criteria to classify a positive tuberculin skin test (TST) reaction:

≥05 mm induration	≥10 mm induration	≥15 mm induration
Clinical suspicion of active TB	Children <4 years	All other individuals without risk factors set forth in columns to the left
Radiographic evidence of currently active or old-inactive TB	Other children <18 years regularly exposed to high risk adults	
Immunosuppressed states <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV infection • Solid organ or bone marrow transplant • Other severe immunosuppression (e.g., ≥15-20 mg prednisone equivalents per day for ≥3 weeks, cancer chemotherapy, etc.) 	Medical conditions predisposing to reactivation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes mellitus • End stage renal disease • Lymphoma, leukemia • Lung, head, or neck cancers • Malabsorptive states (e.g., partial/total gastrectomy, intestinal bypass, inflammatory bowel disease) • ≤90% of ideal body weight • Other evidence of malnutrition • Drug injection 	
Close contacts to active pulmonary TB in the preceding 24 months	Staff, volunteers, or residents in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute or long-term care facilities • Adult correctional facilities • Homeless shelters 	
	Foreign born persons from countries with TB rates exceeding 20 per 100,000 per year. *	

* <http://www.who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en/>