



## TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Memo

To: *New Employees*

From: *Troy Walton, Superintendent*

Date: *December 18, 2017*

Re: *Mantoux/Tuberculosis Testing*

*As required by law, a tuberculosis test shall be given upon employment to all newly hired employees (full and part-time), all student teachers, substitute employees and other persons (e.g. volunteers) who have contact with students.*

*Exemptions:*

*Tuberculosis testing is **not recommended** for volunteers working with pupils for less than 20 hours per month.*

*Tuberculosis testing is **not recommended** for new employees, student teachers and contractors of the district with a documented negative tuberculosis test result in the last six months or a documented positive tuberculosis test, regardless of when this test was done.*

*Tuberculosis testing is **not recommended** for a school employee transferring between school districts or from a non-public school within New Jersey with a documented tuberculosis test result upon his/her initial employment by a New Jersey school.*

*Employees, student teachers, contractors or volunteers who have contact with students and claim religious exemption cannot be compelled to submit to tuberculosis testing. In these instances, a symptom assessment should be done (TB-8 Form). If TB like symptoms are reported, a physician must document that the employee, student teacher, contractor or volunteer does not have active disease. Each school district is responsible for determining the criteria essential to document a valid religious exemption.*

*The tuberculosis test may be completed by the district's physician at no charge or you may elect to have this test performed by your personal physician. District Physician Information: Dr. David M. Koerner, Voorhees Family Practice, 102 West White Horse Pike, Suite 102, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Please call 856-783-6200 to schedule an appointment.*