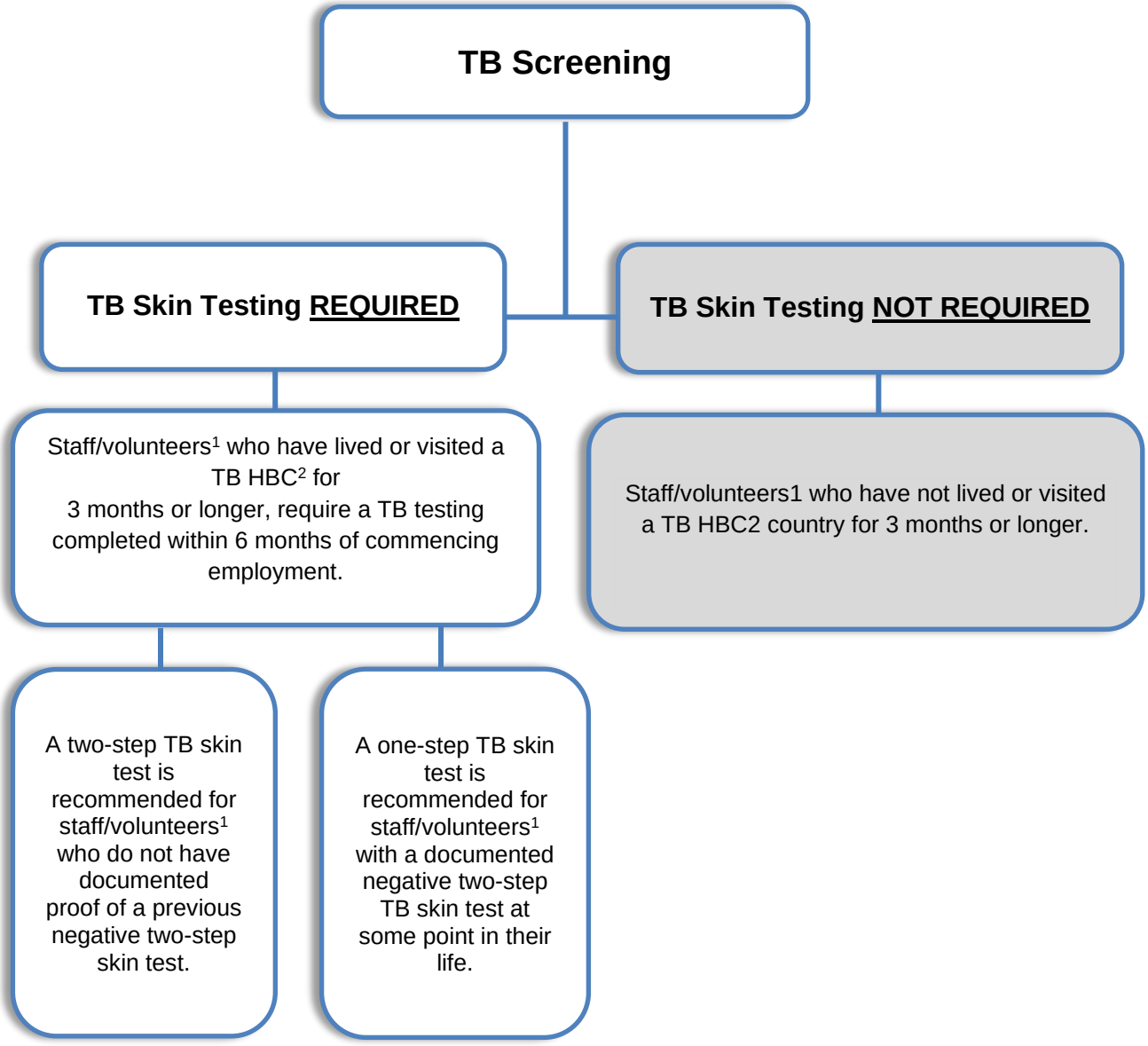
Lambton Public Health

Recommended Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Algorithm for Licensed Childcare Settings



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Legend

HBC = High Burden Countries[2]:

- Angola
- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Central African Republic
- China
- Congo
- DPR Korea
- DR Congo
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- India
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Mozambique
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Thailand
- Uganda
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Viet Nam
- Zambia

Purpose

The goal of TB testing is to identify individuals who are at increased risk of developing TB disease. TB skin testing is not indicated for an individual who is experiencing active pulmonary TB signs and symptoms which may include but not limited to a cough lasting longer than 3 weeks, coughing up blood, fever, night sweats, unexpected weight loss or unusual fatigue. If a staff member states they are experiencing the above noted signs and/or symptoms, advise staff to seek medical advice from their primary care provider.

Disclosure

The Recommended TB Testing Algorithm is for staff/volunteers[1] who provide direct care to children in licensed childcare settings in Lambton County. Different recommendations may apply in other jurisdictions.

Footnote

[1]The term "staff/volunteer" is defined as those who are employed, or temporary/contract workers, or students, that provide child care services in a licenced child care setting (includes home child care or child care centre).

References

1. Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 8th Edition (https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ucts20/6/sup1)

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