



## TB Risk Assessment for Headstart and Daycare Children

# Is your child at risk for TB infection?



### What is TB?

"TB" is short for a disease called Tuberculosis. TB is spread by tiny germs that can float in the air. When a person with TB coughs, sneezes, or shouts, they can spray these germs into the air. If another person breathes in these germs, they can become infected with TB. People can be infected with TB without feeling sick.

### How do I know if my child has TB infection?

Your healthcare provider can do a simple TB skin test to see if your child has the TB germ. Even though your child may not feel sick, he or she could be carrying the TB germ.

### How do I know if my child needs a TB skin test?

Has your child (check all that apply):

- spent more than 28 days in a country where TB is common
- lived with or spent a lot of time with anyone who has or had TB
- lived with or spent a lot of time with anyone who lives or lived in a shelter or on the street
- lived with or spent a lot of time with anyone who lives or lived in a correctional facility, nursing home, or mental institution
- lived with or spent a lot of time with anyone who is HIV infected
- lived with or spent a lot of time with anyone who uses or used injection drugs
- lived with household members who are from a country where TB is common
- consumed raw (unpasteurized) milk or cheese

### What countries have a lot of TB?

There are some countries where TB is common. These include countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe (including Russia). Your child should be screened if he/she spent more than 28 days there or lives with someone that has.

### What happens if my child has a positive skin test?

Your child can still attend daycare if there are no symptoms. They will need to be evaluated by a healthcare provider and may need a chest X-ray and possible antibiotic treatment.