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Due to a current nationwide shortage of Tuberculin Skin Test Antigens (PPD), the Livingston County Health Department will be following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and only be testing persons who are at high risk of developing active TB if they are infected with *M. tuberculosis* as follows:

- People who have had recent close contact with a person who has infectious TB.
- People who are receiving immunosuppressive therapy.
- People with HIV infection or another medical problem (i.e., diabetes, chronic renal failure) that weakens the immune system.
- People who have an abnormal chest x-ray consistent with prior TB.
- People who have symptoms of TB disease (fever, night sweats, cough, and weight loss).
- Immigrants or travelers from a country where TB disease is common (most countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Russia).
- Residents or employees of high risk congregate settings, including homeless shelters, prisons or jails.
- Injecting drug users.

Annual TB testing of health care personnel is not recommended unless there is a known TB exposure or ongoing transmission.

Please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/tb> for CDC guidance and updates during this shortage.

Sincerely,

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