

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FAQs – PART 9

IMMUNIZATION/PPD STATION

Q-1: What is tested at the Immunization/PPD station?

A-1: At this station you will be tested for tuberculosis and provide information about your immunizations, including the COVID-19 vaccine.

Q-2: What are some test results that may require further evaluation?

A-2: Signs of a latent or active tuberculosis infection require further evaluation.

Q-3: Does the TB test required future monitoring?

A-3: Yes. The skin test reaction must be read between 48 and 72 hours after administration. If you do not have the reaction read within that time frame, you will be scheduled for another skin test. If you wish to have BHS confirm the results of your PPD Skin test at no cost to you, you may do so by bringing the Observation of Tuberculosis Test Result to the BHS nurses for evaluation during normal hours of operation (Monday – Friday 7:30AM-2:00PM and Saturday/Sunday 8:00AM-1:00PM). This information is listed on your Candidate Discharge Report. You may have a licensed medical services provider (physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner or physician assistant) of your choice confirm the results of the PPD skin test. Please carefully follow the instructions on the [Observation of Tuberculosis Test Result form](#), which you can access on the [FDNY's Candidate Resources webpage](#) or the [Candidate Portal](#).

Q-4: Is there any change to the medical exam if I have received the COVID-19 vaccine?

A-4: If you have received the COVID-19 vaccine, you will not be tested for tuberculosis until four (4) weeks after you receive the last dose pursuant to CDC guidelines. If you have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine but anticipate you will receive it, BHS will test for tuberculosis using a blood test (sometimes referred to as a quantiferon blood test) rather than a PPD skin test. For additional information about the coronavirus procedures refer to [Candidate Processing FAQ – Coronavirus Procedures](#).