

TB Skin Test – Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I miss my return time window?

The TB skin test must be read within 48–72 hours after placement to be valid. If you do not return within this time frame, the test cannot be properly interpreted. In that case, a new skin test will need to be placed, and you will be required to return again within the appropriate window for an accurate reading.

Do I need to fast or prepare for the test?

No preparation is required. You do not need to fast or make any special changes before receiving a TB skin test.

What if I received the BCG (TB) vaccine as a child?

The BCG vaccine is not commonly used in the United States, but it is widely given in many other countries. Individuals who received the BCG vaccine in the past may have a positive reaction to a TB skin test even if they do not have a TB infection. If you were vaccinated with BCG or have previously had a positive TB skin test, please inform us before testing. In these situations, a TB blood test may be a more appropriate option. We recommend discussing this with your healthcare provider.

Is a doctor's order required?

No. We provide the required medical order for laboratory testing as part of your visit.

Who should I contact if I have questions about my results?

Your test results should be shared with your primary care provider or healthcare professional. If there is a positive or concerning result, your provider can determine whether additional testing or treatment is needed.

Workforce Pro Lab Screening provides specimen collection and laboratory screening services only and does not provide medical diagnosis or treatment. All testing is processed by certified laboratory partners. Clients are referred to licensed medical providers for follow-up care when needed.