

Immigration Required Testing

Tuberculosis Testing

After 10/1/18, all applicants 2 years of age or older are required to have a tuberculin blood test to determine whether the applicant is infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Applicants under the age of 2 years are required to have a tuberculin blood test only if there is evidence of contact with a person known to have tuberculosis or if there is other reason to suspect tuberculosis.

The tuberculin blood test is called Quantiferon Gold and is approved by the USCIS. The results can take 3-5 business days. If the blood test is negative, no further action is required. If it is positive, the patient will need a CXR and need to be referred to their local health department for treatment.

If the CXR is suggestive of tuberculosis, the civil surgeon must refer the applicant to the local health department for evaluation and treatment. The applicant must return to the civil surgeon with a copy of the evaluation from the local health department before the examination may be completed.

Syphilis Testing

All applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for evidence syphilis. Applicants under the age of 15 years must be tested if there is reason to suspect infection with syphilis. A rapid plasma regain test (RPR) or venereal disease research laboratory test (VDRL) will be used for screening. A positive screening result will be confirmed with a fluorescent treponemal antibody absorbed test (FTA-ABS). Appropriate treatment must be completed and documented before the medical examination can be completed.

Gonorrhea Testing

All applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for gonorrhea. Applicants under the age of 15 years must be tested if there is reason to suspect infection with gonorrhea. The test used is a urine analysis using RNA. Appropriate treatment must be completed and documented before the medical examination can be completed.

Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)

The medical history and physical examination will include a search for symptoms or lesions consistent with Hansen's Disease, chancroid, gonorrhea, chlamydia, granuloma inguinale or lymphogranuloma venereum. Further testing will be done as necessary to confirm a suspected diagnosis. Appropriate treatment must be completed and documented before the medical examination can be completed.