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Dear Public Health Partners,

The 2024 Technical Instructions for Tuberculosis (TB TIs) for Civil Surgeons have been posted on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website and are effective as of March 11, 2024.

The 2024 TB TIs define the requirements for [civil surgeons](#) examining applicants for infectious tuberculosis disease who are applying for status of adjustment to permanent residence in the United States. These instructions are specific to the status adjustment exam and should not be used as guidance to test for or treat tuberculosis disease in other settings or as a clinical manual that defines detailed laboratory procedures or specific treatment regimen details.

You can access the 2024 TB TIs for civil surgeons at <https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/civil-surgeons/tuberculosis.html>

Updates to the 2024 TB TIs include the following:

- After a final tuberculosis classification has been made and the I-693 form has been completed, civil surgeons are now required to enter applicants with the following tuberculosis classifications into eMedical: Class B0 Pulmonary TB, B1 Pulmonary or Extrapulmonary, and B2 Latent TB Infection. Records must be entered by civil surgeons no later than 5 business days after they complete and sign the I-693 form; eMedical entries do not replace any portion of the I-693. Health departments will receive notifications about these applicants in [Electronic Disease Notification System](#) (EDN) after the I-693 process is complete and the data are entered into eMedical.
- Lead shielding is no longer recommended or required for the status adjustment medical examination for any applicants, including those who are pregnant.

Performing a molecular test, defined as a diagnostic nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), continues to be recommended on the first sputum specimen from applicants who require sputum testing.

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 TB TIs for Civil Surgeons, you may contact the Medical Assessment and Policy Team (MAP) at CivilSurgeons@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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