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WEBSITE POST: DOH WEBPAGE UPDATE AS OF 6/5/20

TB HOME PAGE

EFFECTIVE as of JUNE 1, 2020:

The Department of Health, Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch has restarted issuance of TB Clearances - Post COVID-19 quarantine (see revised operational updates below):

- Annual clearance for healthcare workers
- Annual clearance for patients in long-term care facilities
- Children entering childcare, preschool or school (K-12th grade) and children/school employees
- Post-secondary school students and employees
- Food handlers

The Lanakila Health Center TB Clinic (1700 Lanakila Ave., Honolulu) still accepts walk-ins with new procedures to monitor for COVID-19 and maintain social distancing. Individuals seeking TB clearance will need to wear a face covering and be health screened prior to entering clinic.

NOTE: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 pm, priority for testing will be given to accommodate Kupuna's (Senior citizens) and healthcare workers before other clearance categories:

NEW: To encourage social distancing, the TB program has developed an electronic process to request your TB clearance Statewide. Send in your TB request using the e-mail address provided doh.tbclearance@doh.hawaii.gov, include the following information in your message:

- Your Name(s) (first name, last name, (aka, your maiden name) of individuals seeking TB clearance
- Indicate relationship: (for example, self, children (0-17 years of age), senior parent due to long-term care placement).
- Primary phone number: (needs to be a number we can reach you during the day)
- Date of Birth
- Reason TB clearance is needed

A response will be made within one business day either by phone or by e-mail. Upon telephone interview with you, determination will be made whether we are able to process your TB clearance electronically or you will need to be seen in office.

NOTE: There has been operational changes to Public Health Nursing Offices Statewide for TB Testing procedures due COVID-19 (see below).

The **Public Health Nursing (PHN) Offices** Statewide, who have been offering TB Testing clinics, will no longer conduct walk-in clinics. Any individual seeking TB clearance at these sites will now be required to call for an appointment for a TB skin test. However, some individuals may be able to receive clearance over the phone.

Calls can be made during **business hours**: 7:45am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday, except for holidays.

Oahu:

- Central Oahu (Pearl City) 453-6190
- East Honolulu 733-9220
- Leeward Oahu (Waipahu) 675-0073
- Windward Oahu (Kaneohe) 233-5450

Hawaii Island

- Hilo: 974-6025
- Kailua-Kona 322-1500
- Waimea 887-8116 or 887-8117

Maui and Lanai 984-8260

Molokai 553-7880

Kauai 241-3387

TB WEBPAGE: TB TESTING LOCATION & TIMES

STATEWIDE TB SKIN TEST (TST)

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

RESUMES WITH MODIFICATION TO OFFICE PROCEDURES

DUE TO COVID-19 (see below):

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CLINIC SITE & ADDRESS (Primary TB Testing & Screening Location on O'ahu) :

Lanakila Health Center

1700 Lanakila Avenue, Ground Floor

(Main Entrance faces Oceanside of Building)

Honolulu, HI 96817

Contact number: 832-5731

SCREENING HOURS AND TEST DAYS are given: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:45am – 3:30pm

NOTE: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 pm, priority for testing will be given to accommodate Kupuna's (Senior citizens) and healthcare workers before other clearance categories.

On days that we experience a high volume of clients arriving near closing time, we may not be able to serve everyone. You need to be in line for testing, reading, or chest x-ray before our posted closing time in order to be served. Remaining clients will be asked to return on the next working day. We highly recommend that you come well in advance of the posted closing times to ensure service. For chest x-ray services, please call 832-5731 to ensure that we're open.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING TST CLINIC STATEWIDE (see LINK): TST-Clinic-Schedule 03.30.20

TB WEBPAGE: FORMS

NEW TB-1 Form (fillable pdf) rev. 5/20.