

Tuberculosis Testing/Screening Locations

Tuberculosis screening identifies individuals who may be at risk of TB or might have TB, often used in population-level health assessments or initial evaluations. Often applied in schools, workplaces, or community health programs to identify individuals who might need further tests

Tuberculosis testing confirms or rules out active or latent tuberculosis infection in individuals identified as at risk or symptomatic. Performed when there is suspicion of tuberculosis based on screening results or clinical symptoms.

Screening is recommended for high-risk groups, such as healthcare workers or people in close contact with TB patients. In contrast, TB testing diagnoses active or latent infections using methods like the Tuberculin Skin Test (TST), which involves a skin injection checked for a reaction after 48-72 hours, or blood tests like QuantiFERON or T-SPOT.

Low-risk individuals only need screening or testing if symptoms or risk factors arise, while high-risk groups, such as healthcare workers or those close with TB exposure, may require annual testing. Additionally, anyone exposed to TB should get tested within 8-10 weeks. People with weakened immune systems should discuss specific testing frequency with their doctor.

[Berkeley Free Clinic](#): 2339 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

Cost: free

When: every Thursday from 6pm-8:30pm

Appointment required: no

[West Oakland Health Center](#): Several in Oakland [see here](#)

Cost: sliding scale

When: 8:15am-5pm

Appointment required: no but recommended at (510) 835-9610

[Asian Health Services](#): Several in Oakland [see here](#)

Cost: free

When: varies by location

Appointment required: yes by calling (510) 986-6880

[Roots Community Services](#): Several in Oakland [see here](#)

Cost: free or low-cost if you qualify

When: varies by location

Appointment required: no but recommended at (510) 533-1248

Mission Neighborhood Health Center: Several in San Francisco [see here](#)

Cost: free or low-cost if you qualify

When: varies by location

Appointment required: yes by calling (415) 552-3870

San Francisco Free Clinic: 4900 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118

Cost: free for uninsured individuals

When: Monday-Friday from 10am-4:30pm

Appointment required: yes by calling (415) 750-9894

AITC Immunization and Travel Clinic: 101 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Cost: free or low-cost to those who qualify

When: Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm

Appointment required: yes by calling (415) 554-2625

Castro-Mission Health Center: 3850 17th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114

Cost: free or low-cost to those who qualify

When: Monday-Friday from 8am-6pm

Appointment required: yes by calling (628) 217-5700

Chinatown Public Health Center: 1490 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94133

Cost: free or low-cost to those who qualify

When: Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm

Appointment required: yes by calling (628) 217-6500

Potrero Hill Health Center: 1050 Wisconsin Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Cost: free or low-cost to those who qualify

When: Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm

Appointment required: yes by calling (628) 217-9700

For a list of more San Francisco clinics that offer TB testing, click [here](#)

WellnessMart: 3288 Pierce Street, Richmond, CA 94804

Cost: \$47 for skin test or \$150 for quantiferon blood test

When: choose date online

Appointment required: yes by [clicking here](#)