



Tuberculosis Test Options *in Fairfax County*

There are 2 types of tests to tell if a person has Tuberculosis (TB) germs in their body. Talk with your healthcare provider to learn more about which one is best for you.



Test	How is the test given?	How many visits do I need?	When will I know my result?	Who should consider the test?	How much does it cost?
Skin	A nurse injects a small amount of fluid under the skin of your arm	Requires one visit to do the test and a second visit for a nurse to look at your arm and give you your result	2-3 days <i>Result given at follow-up appointment</i>	Anyone	\$27 (includes office visit and test) <i>Insurance not accepted</i> <i>Free for school-age children</i>
Blood	A nurse takes a small amount of blood from your arm	Only requires one visit to do the test	3-5 days	Anyone 2 years and older <i>Preferred test for anyone who has gotten the TB vaccine, "BCG"</i>	\$49.50 (includes office visit and test) <i>Insurance not accepted</i> <i>Free for school-age children</i>