



DSHS Initial Tuberculosis Screening Algorithm for Incarcerated Individuals

Inmate Suspected with TB Disease (Symptomatic Upon Intake)

- Isolate inmate in an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR)
- Perform chest x-ray and order sputum smear and culture within 72 hours; consider rapid PCR
- Perform TST
- Ensure thorough medical evaluation and provide treatment, if indicated
- If TB is suspected, report to local or regional health department.

Inmate Suspected with TB Disease (Asymptomatic and Abnormal CXR)

- Isolate inmate in an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR)
- Report to local or regional health department
- Order sputum smear and culture within 72 hours; consider rapid PCR
- Ensure thorough medical evaluation and provide treatment, if indicated.

