

CONDUCTED BY HEALTH CARE SERVICES:**Tuberculosis survey 2 for new employees and interns in the social welfare and health care sector and early childhood education**

Tuberculosis is a bacterial disease that usually affects the lungs. It is infectious through air-borne transmission. Without treatment, the disease may become severe and lead to death. Preventing the spread of the disease is important, as small children in particular may develop a serious condition. In Finland, any examinations, treatment and medication for tuberculosis are free of charge for the patient.

Tuberculosis is particularly infectious indoors. Early detection and effective treatment of those who have tuberculosis prevents the disease from spreading. This also promotes the well-being of the patient's immediate circle and maintains the work ability of employees.

The Finnish Communicable Diseases Act (Section 55) stipulates that the employer must require a reliable statement from an employee working in social welfare or health care units or caring for children under school age, ensuring that he or she does not have respiratory tuberculosis. A statement must also be obtained from trainees and other similar persons working in the facility without an employment contract.

The statement must be provided before starting in a new position if the previous examination took place more than 2 years ago.

The statement must also be provided during the employment contract if the employee may have been exposed to tuberculosis when, for example, travelling in an area where tuberculosis is common. Because of this, it is important that you let your employer know if you may have been exposed to tuberculosis during your employment contract. It is also important that you always seek medical attention if you have a cough that lasts longer than 3 weeks or your symptoms include mucus arising from the lungs.

THIS SURVEY IS part of this statutory statement and its purpose is to promote your health and that of your immediate circle and to stop an infectious disease from spreading.

Please answer this health survey. Find more information about tuberculosis by clicking on the link at the end of the survey. After this survey, the physician or nurse will write a statement on a completed examination. The employee delivers the statement to the employer.

1. Personal identity code:

2. Work unit:

3. Role at the workplace

employee

student

intern

volunteer, please specify

other, please specify

4. In which country were you born?

5. In which country or countries have you stayed for a minimum of 12 months?

6. In which country or countries have you worked in health care for a minimum of 3 months?

7. Have you treated tuberculosis patients?

yes

no

8. Have you been in close contact with a person suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis (for example, people in the same household, relatives, friends, coworkers)?

yes

no

9. Have you had tuberculosis?

yes, when and where was it treated?

no

10. In the past few weeks, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

prolonged cough lasting longer than 3 weeks	yes	no
coughing up mucus from the lungs	yes	no
a cough with bloody mucus	yes	no
unusual night sweats	yes	no
weight loss without a reason	yes	no
a fever without a reason	yes	no

11. Are you pregnant?

yes no

If yes, how many weeks
are you at the moment?

Due date:

12. Have you had a lung X-ray in the past 2 years?

yes no

If yes, where and when?

For more information on tuberculosis, please visit www.tuberkuloosi.fi/en.

Print out for all examined employees: **Tuberculosis – what is it?** ('TB-oppaat'). Explain to the employees where to book an examination if they experience symptoms of tuberculosis.

THE STATEMENT CONCERNS information in accordance with Section 55 of the Communicable Diseases Act and I confirm that the information I provided is accurate.

Date and place:

Name of the respondent:

Signature:

Health care employee who received the information

Name of the employer's representative:

Work role:

Signature:

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