



## **Two-Step TB Skin Test**

According to State of Hawaii Department of Health, health care workers and volunteers are required to be tested for tuberculosis with a “two-step” process. You may go to a local health department, which is no cost to eligible clients through State of Hawaii Department TB testing locations, or your personal healthcare provider to obtain this requirement. The process will take a minimum of ten days to two weeks to complete. Your volunteer assignment will be delayed until this requirement is met.

*A “two-step” process involves the following:*

- This simple skin test involves injecting a small amount of tuberculin solution into the forearm under the skin.
- Two-three days later, a healthcare provider must check the injection site for signs of a reaction.
- The process is repeated 7-21 days later – i.e. another skin test and then a check by the healthcare provider for a reaction. The results are noted on a form by your healthcare provider.

A proof of TB clearance is to be turned into the Human Resources Office and will be evaluated by our employee health nurse prior to orientation/assignment. If a person has been tested in the last year – a copy of the reading signed by a healthcare provider will satisfy the requirement for the first skin test. However, a second injection may still be required. If you have ever tested positive for a TB skin test at any time in the past we will need verification from your healthcare provider that you are not infectious to others along with a chest x-ray.