

# Tuberculosis Screening for Ukrainian Parolees

## What Local and Regional Health Departments Need to Know

On April 21, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the *Uniting for Ukraine* (U4U) Program. This program established a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members to come to the U.S. and stay for a two-year temporary period of parole. The federal U4U Program requires [proof of a tuberculosis \(TB\) screening](#) within 90 days of arrival in the U.S.

Local and regional health department (L/RHD) TB programs should provide TB screening, report results, and when necessary, treat Ukrainians entering the U.S. through U4U.

## TB Screening

The TB screening requirements for U4U are:

- » Ukrainians 2 years of age and older must have a TB screening test performed within 90 days of arrival in the U.S.
- » Children younger than 2 years of age are exempt for TB screening under the federal requirements.
- » L/RHDs can screen with either a T-SPOT® or QuantiFERON® TB Gold (QFT) test.



### Order IGRAs for U4U via Quest's Quantum Portal

1. Log onto [Quantum](#).
2. Select the correct Quest Account assigned for U4U under the user profile.
3. Enter patient information.
4. Order the test (T-SPOT or QFT).
5. Log back into Quantum for test results.
6. Contact Quest at **866-697-8378** for support or contact your local Quest account manager.

## TB Reporting

Enter TB screening results in the [TB/HIV/STD Integrated System](#) (THISIS).



### Update THISIS for Patients in the U4U Program

Enter information for **any** patient who is evaluated by the L/RHD for U4U.

- » In the *Initial Assessment Question Package (QP)*, enter:
  - » **Risk (Other, specify): enter "U4UKRAINE"** (do not include spaces)
- » In the *laboratory template*, enter the IGRA results (Negative, Positive, Indeterminate, Borderline).
- » In the *TB Screening, Xray, and Other Imaging QP*, enter any radiology.
- » In the *TB Medications QP*, enter any treatment provided.

### Specify U4U when Ordering Medications

- » When placing a bulk order, enter the **ITEAMS ID** in the *special instructions* box AND enter **"U4U"** and the **patient's county** in the *comments* box.
- » When ordering Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) packets, enter **"U4U"** in the *special instructions* box.

## TB Treatment

### If TB is suspected:

- » Isolate the patient.
- » Send sputum for rapid molecular testing, i.e., Nucleic Acid Amplification (NAA).
- » If there is evidence of rifampin resistance, consider further molecular testing; notify the [TB Unit](#).

### If TB infection is diagnosed:

- » [Short-course treatment](#) is recommended unless there is a known or probable history of contact to drug resistant TB; if so, [seek consultation](#) for treatment options.

