

Testing for Latent TB Infection & Timing of Administration of COVID-19 Vaccination - Update

Can you administer COVID-19 vaccines with immune-based tests for tuberculosis (TB) infection, such as the tuberculin skin test (TST) and interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA)?

Yes. Do not delay COVID-19 vaccination because of testing for TB infection. Testing for TB infection with one of the immune-based methods, either the TST or an IGRA, can be done before, after, or during the same encounter as COVID-19 vaccination.

Patients who have active TB disease or an illness that is being evaluated as active TB disease can receive a COVID-19 vaccine (note: the presence of a moderate or severe acute illness is a precaution to administration of all vaccines).

There is no need for delaying test for LTBI using either TST or IGRA for those who also are receiving or have received COVID-19 vaccine.

Source: [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Healthcare Professionals | CDC](#)

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