MEDICAL EXAMINATION FAQS – PART 9

IMMUNIZATION/PPD STATION

Q-1: What is tested at the Immunization/PPD station?
A-1: At this station you will be tested for tuberculosis.

Q-2: What are some test results that may require further evaluation?
A-2: Signs of a latent or active tuberculosis infection require further evaluation.

Q-3: Does the TB test required future monitoring?
A-3: Yes. The skin test reaction must be read between 48 and 72 hours after administration. If you do not have the reaction read within that time frame, you will be scheduled for another skin test. If you wish to have BHS confirm the results of your PPD Skin test at no cost to you, you may do so by bringing the Observation of Tuberculosis Test Result to the BHS nurses for evaluation during normal hours of operation (Monday – Friday 7:30AM-2:00PM and Saturday/Sunday 8:00AM-1:00PM). This information is listed on your Candidate Discharge Report. You may have a licensed medical services provider (physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner or physician assistant) of your choice confirm the results of the PPD skin test. Please carefully follow the instructions on the Observation of Tuberculosis Test Result form, which you can access on the FDNY’s Candidate Resources webpage or the Candidate Portal.