

Tuberculosis (TB) examination of children under 10 years arriving in Norway

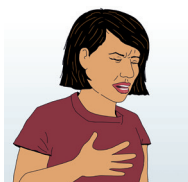
What is tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is a serious disease, but it is not very contagious.

It can be treated effectively. Only a few people who are in close contact with a sick person will become infected.

Symptoms of tuberculosis include:

- a cough that lasts for 3 weeks or more
- chest pain
- night sweats
- poor general condition
- fatigue (feeling weak and tired)
- loss of appetite
- weight loss



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People who are infected will receive free follow-up and treatment in Norway.

Who is examined for tuberculosis?

Everyone who comes to Norway as an asylum seeker or refugee must be examined for tuberculosis. Other immigrants must be examined if they come from a country with a high incidence of tuberculosis. The result of the examination will not affect the result of the application for residence.

How is the examination done?

For children under 10, the examination consists of questions about whether the child has been exposed to infection.

The guardian will be asked:

- Has the child been in close contact over time with someone who has tuberculosis?
- Has the child been in close contact over time with someone who has been coughing for many weeks for no other known reason, who also may have weight loss and night sweats?

If the child has been exposed to tuberculosis infection or comes from a country with a particularly high incidence of tuberculosis, a blood test must be taken.