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Daniel Price
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1201 W La Veta Ave
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FACILITY: Children's Hospital of Orange County, LICENSE # 060000011

APPROVAL OF PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY FOR FLEX-6836

Dear Daniel Price,

This letter is in response to the request submitted by **Children's Hospital of Orange County** for program flexibility for California Code of Regulations T22 DIV5 CH1 ART7-70723(b)(3), T22 DIV5 CH1 ART7-70723(b)(4).

The alternative means of compliance with T22 DIV5 CH1 ART7-70723(b)(3), T22 DIV5 CH1 ART7-70723(b)(4) include

Children's Hospital of Orange County is requesting a program flexibility for the annual tuberculosis testing programs for employees and volunteers to comply with the CDC guidelines for Tuberculosis screening. We have submitted our Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Policy and TB symptom form.

Your request for program flexibility of **T22 DIV5 CH1 ART7-70723(b)(3), T22 DIV5 CH1 ART7-70723(b)(4)** is approved under the following conditions:

- Hospital will continue to conduct initial Tuberculosis (TB) screening and testing as required for all new health care personnel.

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- Hospital will conduct annual TB exposure risk assessment for all health care personnel.
- Hospital will ensure all healthcare personnel will complete an Individual TB Risk Assessment form annually.
- Hospital will ensure the TB screening process is available for high-risk healthcare personnel for known or increased risk for TB exposure.
- Hospital will follow the most current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for TB screening and testing frequency including evaluation and treatment for TB positive test results.
- Hospital will ensure healthcare personnel with a history of positive TB test, who do not complete treatment for latent TB infection will complete an annual symptom screen to detect early evidence of TB disease and to reevaluate the risks and benefits of LTBI treatment.
- Hospital will conduct annual TB education training for all health care personnel.
- Hospital will maintain and follow their TB surveillance program policy(s) and procedure(s) which will include a TB infection plan.

Either this letter or a true copy thereof shall be posted immediately adjacent to the facility's license.

This approval shall remain in effect from Aug 24, 2023 until Aug 23, 2026.

NOTE: The Department may revoke the program flexibility if the licensee does not comply with the conditions set forth in the approval or if the department determines the proposed alternative does not adequately meet the intent of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Centralized Program Flex Unit at (916) 323-5053 or by email at CentralizedProgramFlex@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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