

Supplies, Materials, and Services

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Introduction

Use this section find out what resources are available and how to access them.

The Montana Tuberculosis Program has resources available to assist local agencies. The following tables explain the resources that are available and how to obtain them:

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For information on obtaining laboratory tests, see the Laboratory Services section.

Specimen Collection and Shipment Supplies

TABLE 1: SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND SHIPMENT SUPPLIES

<p>Availability and Cost</p>	<p>The Montana Tuberculosis Program through the Montana Public Health Laboratory provides the following specimen collection and shipment supplies for specimens for mycobacteria culture or nucleic acid amplification (NAA) at no charge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specimen containers ▪ Mailers for packaging for shipment (includes biohazard bag with sleeve with requisition form) ▪ Standard laboratory requisition forms
<p>How to Obtain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete the "Montana Public Health Lab Supply Order Form." The form can be faxed to 406-444-1802; mailed to Montana Public Health Laboratory, P.O. Box 6489, Helena, MT 59604; or enclosed with specimens. ▪ Call Montana Public Health Laboratory at 800-821-7284. ▪ When ordering the blue "Standard Laboratory Requisition" forms, be sure to include your Montana Public Health account number (LS#). ▪ If you do not have an existing account with the Montana Public Health Laboratory or have questions, contact Doreen Boyer, laboratory operations manager, at 800-821-7284 ext 5246, or 406-444-5246 (direct).
<p>Time</p>	<p>Supplies can be delivered within three to four working days from the receipt of the request. If more rapid delivery is necessary, contact the Montana Public Health Laboratory at the numbers above.</p>

Tuberculosis Medications for Active and Suspect Cases

TABLE 2: TUBERCULOSIS MEDICATIONS FOR ACTIVE AND SUSPECT CASES

<p>Availability and Cost</p>	<p>The Montana Tuberculosis Program has extremely limited resources for providing tuberculosis (TB) medications and therefore provides medications for TB cases/suspects as the payer of last resort. Physicians and local health jurisdictions must ensure that no other mechanism exists for obtaining TB medications prior to requesting TB medications through the Montana TB Program at no charge.</p>
<p>How to Obtain</p>	<p>Call the Montana TB Program at 406-444-0275 if you plan to order medications through the state program. A prescription with appropriate medications and dosages should be faxed to the Montana TB Program at 406-444-0272 or to the Disease Reporting Fax at 800-616-7460 to the attention of the Montana TB Program. Prescriptions should not be faxed without prior communication with the Montana TB Program manager or Communicable Disease Control & Prevention Bureau staff filling in for the Montana TB Program manager.</p>
<p>Time</p>	<p>The contract pharmacy used by the Montana TB Program makes every effort to fill active case prescriptions the same day they are received (Monday – Friday), but generally must receive the order no later than 1 p.m. to fill, package and mail the medications. Mail delivery in many parts of Montana requires 1 to 3 days. If more rapid delivery is needed, contact the Montana TB Program at 406-444-0275.</p>

Medications for Latent Tuberculosis Infection

Note: Many private and governmental entities have their own latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) treatment programs and do not use the state-provided form and medication (i.e., Indian Health Service, Tribal Public Health programs, Veterans Administration, etc.).

TABLE 3: MEDICATIONS FOR LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION

Availability and Cost	The Montana Tuberculosis Program has limited annual resources for providing medications for the treatment of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) at no charge.
How to Obtain	Send the "LTBI Medicine Enrollment Form" and a prescription for the appropriate medication(s) and dosage(s). A prescription with appropriate medications and dosages should be faxed to the TB Program at 406-444-0272 or to the Disease Reporting Fax at 800-616-7460 to the attention of the TB Program.
Time	The contract pharmacy used by the Montana TB Program normally fills prescriptions for treatment of LTBI the same day they are received (Monday – Friday), but generally must receive the order no later than 1 p.m. to fill, package and mail the medications. Mail delivery in many parts of Montana requires 1 to 3 days. While initiation of treatment for LTBI is not urgent, if a circumstance necessitates more rapid delivery, contact the Montana TB Program at 406-444-0275.

Incentives and Enablers

TABLE 4: INCENTIVES AND ENABLERS

Availability and Cost	<p>Use of incentives and/or enablers should be considered for all cases of tuberculosis (TB) as an adherence-improving measure. The local TB case manager should determine the most appropriate incentive and/or enabler on a case-by-case basis. Payment for incentives and enablers is available on a limited basis through the Montana TB Program. Contact the Montana TB Program at 406-444-0275 for availability of funds. Some examples of incentives and enablers used previously are listed below.</p> <table border="0"><tr><td data-bbox="451 630 925 1087">Incentives<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food and beverages▪ Clothing▪ Automotive supplies▪ Hobby/craft items▪ Household items▪ Laundry services▪ Seasonal/holiday treats▪ Movie passes▪ Restaurant/fast food vouchers▪ Toys▪ Personal care items</td><td data-bbox="925 630 1351 1087">Enablers<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transportation (bus pass, cab fare, car battery, gas)▪ Rent assistance▪ Childcare▪ Obtaining and shipping specimens for the patient▪ Assisting the patient with getting medication refills▪ Assisting the patient with completing paperwork to get food/housing assistance▪ Assisting the patient with getting substance abuse treatment</td></tr></table>	Incentives <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food and beverages▪ Clothing▪ Automotive supplies▪ Hobby/craft items▪ Household items▪ Laundry services▪ Seasonal/holiday treats▪ Movie passes▪ Restaurant/fast food vouchers▪ Toys▪ Personal care items	Enablers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transportation (bus pass, cab fare, car battery, gas)▪ Rent assistance▪ Childcare▪ Obtaining and shipping specimens for the patient▪ Assisting the patient with getting medication refills▪ Assisting the patient with completing paperwork to get food/housing assistance▪ Assisting the patient with getting substance abuse treatment
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Healthcare Staff Training and Education

TABLE 5: HEALTHCARE STAFF TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Education and Training Resources	<p>The Montana Tuberculosis (TB) Program has various Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National TB Center materials available that are useful for staff training. Contact the Montana TB Program for more information at 406-444-0275.</p> <p>In addition, resources are available from the CDC at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Education and Training Materials (Web page of links from the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination [DTBE]): https://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/provider_edmaterials.htm <p>National TB Training Centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center▪ Heartland National TB Center: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/▪ New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute▪ Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center: http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/
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