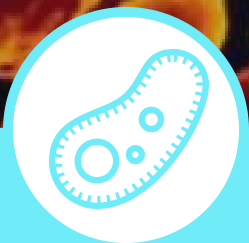


Tuberculosis (TB): Steps to Elimination

The United States has made substantial progress toward the goal of TB elimination by prioritizing the early diagnosis, isolation, and treatment of those with infectious TB disease. Treatment of latent TB infection is essential to controlling and eliminating TB in the United States. Our public health system and private providers play a crucial role in this effort.



FOCUS ON TB INFECTION

Expanding targeted testing and treatment of latent TB infection is key to eliminating TB disease in the United States



USE SHORTER TREATMENT REGIMENS

Promote adoption of shorter, less toxic, more convenient treatment regimens

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) promotes the use of more advanced screening tests (i.e. QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus & T-SPOT.TB)



WHO TO TEST?

Contacts to an infectious TB case

Individuals who are born in or frequently travel to high TB prevalence countries

Individuals in congregate settings

Immunosuppressed individuals

Healthcare workers in high risk settings



CLINICIAN EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Clinicians, health care agencies, and community organizations, especially those serving at-risk populations, have a critical role in TB elimination.

Many of those at high risk for latent TB infection or TB disease are seen by private community providers and community health centers. Engaging these partners is critical to future success.



PARTNERSHIPS

Public health departments provide TB-related technical assistance, education, and outreach to clinicians, health care agencies, and community organizations.

Achieving our goal for TB elimination will require not only maximizing all available tools, but also continuing to engage community TB partners.