

WHAT AND WHEN TO REPORT

* * * Please do not wait for lab results to confirm a diagnosis of active TB prior to reporting * * *

1) ACTIVE TB, SUSPECT

- A person for whom a health care provider suspects, after evaluating signs, symptoms, and/or, laboratory/radiographic evidence, is likely to have TB in any body site.

WHEN: Within 1 working day
HOW: By phone or faxing a Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR)

2) ACTIVE TB, CONFIRMED

- A person who has had a specimen that has a final result of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb) or M.tb complex.

WHEN: Within 1 working day
HOW: By phone or faxing a CMR

3) CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE WITH A DOCUMENTED POSITIVE TST

- See the **Screening Tools** section for a definition of a positive TST

WHEN: Within 1 week
HOW: By phone or faxing a CMR

WHERE TO REPORT

Communicable Disease (CD) Unit

Phone: (831) 454 - 4114
Fax: (831) 454 - 5049
After Hours: (831) 471 - 1170

☼ **ISOLATE** all suspect or confirmed cases of active pulmonary, laryngeal, and/or pleural TB until advised otherwise by the Santa Cruz County

Communicable Disease (CD) Unit ☼

RESOURCES

Santa Cruz County TB control

- Jill Landis, PHN, TB Program Coordinator (831) 454 - 4121
- Connie Wainwright, PHN, TB Program Coordinator (831) 454 - 4333

California TB screening, diagnosis and treatment guidelines

- California TB Controllers Association www.ctca.org

TB consultation for medical providers

- Curry National TB Center, Telephone Consultation Service (877) 390 - 6682
- Curry National TB Center, courses & resources www.nationaltbcenter.edu
- California Department of Public Health, TB Control Branch (510) 620 - 3000

SERVICES AVAILABLE

County of Santa Cruz CD Unit provides consultation and case management for patients with active TB disease that reside in Santa Cruz County.

- A Public Health Nurse (PHN) is assigned to every suspected / confirmed case of active TB to promote patient compliance for exams, treatment, and isolation, if necessary.
- A Public Health Nurse (PHN) will conduct an investigation to screen close contacts to a case of active TB. The PHN will screen contacts for recent TB infection and active disease.
- The CD Unit provides clinical services for patients with suspected or confirmed active TB disease who do not have medical insurance.
- The CD Unit may cover clinical evaluation and treatment for patients that have latent TB Infection (LTBI) and no medical insurance. The patient must reside in County of Santa Cruz and score at least 50 points on the LTBI Risk assessment scale. Please fax a completed copy of the two-page document "Referral Form for Treatment of LTBI" and the "LTBI Risk Assessment Scale" found at the end of this section, along with the chest x-ray report, to the CD Unit.