

# Reporting Guidelines for Continuity of Care Planning

Note: Tuberculosis (TB) is a notifiable condition in Texas, reportable to your Public Health Region or local health department (PHR/LHD)

## TB Definitions

Report a TB infection within one week to your PHR/LHD. Please include the TB-400 when reporting to your PHR/LHD.

**TB Infection:** TB infection is determined by a positive result from an FDA-approved interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) test, such as T-Spot® TB test, or QuantiFERON - TB GOLD In-Tube Test or a tuberculin skin test, and a normal chest radiograph with no presenting symptoms of TB disease. Please report skin test results in millimeters.

Report suspected TB disease within one working day to your PHR/LHD. Please include the TB-400 when reporting to your PHR/LHD.

**Suspected TB:** Clinical suspicion of TB disease is based on signs, symptoms, and abnormalities on a chest X-ray AND the clinician intends to place the individual in isolation OR on 4-drug therapy. If TB is suspected, the clinician must perform a complete evaluation while waiting for final laboratory results.

Report TB disease within one working day to your PHR/LHD. Please include the TB-400 when reporting to your PHR/LHD.

**TB Disease:** Active TB disease is diagnosed by medical history, physical evaluation, chest x-ray, and other laboratory tests (i.e., isolation of M. tuberculosis complex from a clinical specimen). People with TB disease usually feel sick and present with symptoms.

## How to report inmates released from jail while on treatment for TB

### When do I report?

- Notify the [DSHS PHR/LHD TB Program](#) immediately upon knowledge of release.

### Where do I report?

- Report to the appropriate PHR/LHD. Refer to the [interactive map](#) on the DSHS TB website to locate the appropriate TB clinic.

### How do I report?

- Send the completed [Texas Uniform Health Status Update Form](#) and other supporting documents, such as the [TB-400A](#) and the [TB-400B](#) to the PHR/LHD prior to release.
- Include all laboratory results, diagnostic results, medication regimens, and medical history are included in the notification of release.

**Questions? Please reach out to your PHR/LHD.**