



Dear Colleague,

Over the past 2 years, the CDC has reported a partial rebound in cases of tuberculosis (TB) ending a multi-year trend of decreasing cases nationwide. Tuberculosis is a notifiable condition in Texas and the prompt reporting of suspected and confirmed cases of TB to public health is essential for controlling and preventing the spread of the disease.

The Texas Department of State Health Services, Public Health Region 8 (PHR 8), provides management and treatment to clients with suspected and confirmed TB disease including medication adherence through directly observed therapy, isolation when needed, medication refinement, and treatment to cure. PHR 8 staff also do complex case investigations to identify and screen all close contacts and provide treatment to anyone who has been infected. All these services are provided free-of-charge, and through them, we treat the patient, prevent the spread of TB, and protect the public's health.

**The Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter A, Rule §97.3, requires suspected and confirmed cases of Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex) be reported within 1 working day to your local or regional health department.**

Reportable tuberculosis disease (confirmed/suspected) includes the following:

- Suspected tuberculosis disease pending final laboratory results (TB symptoms, abnormal CXR/CT)
- Positive nucleic acid amplification tests
- Clinically or laboratory-confirmed tuberculosis disease
- All *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tb*) complex including *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. africanum*, *M. canettii*, *M. microti*, *M. caprae*, and *M. pinnipedii*

If you have a patient with known or suspected TB, please fax the information to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) PHR 8 within 1 working day:

**FAX NUMBER: 512-206-3949**  
PHONE NUMBER: 210-949-2000  
ADDRESS: Texas Department of State Health Services, Region 8  
7430 Louis Pasteur  
San Antonio, TX 78229

For additional information, please see the following websites:

For TB reporting: [Texas DSHS TB Program – How to Report Tuberculosis](#)

For disease reporting: [IDPS | Notifiable Conditions \(state.tx.us\)](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lillian Ringsdorf, MD, MPH". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "L", "R", and "D" being particularly prominent.

Lillian Ringsdorf, MD, MPH  
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