



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. 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. pinnipiedi

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

Regional Medical Director

Texas Department of State Health Services, Public Health Region 8



Report of Case and Patient Services

Date reported to health department

Date form sent to PHR

Date form sent to central office

Initial Report

Drug Resistance

Followup or Medical Review

Hospital Admission or Discharge

Name (Last) (First) (Middle) DOB

Street Apt# City County Zip Code SSN

Facility/Care Provider Name:

Name of person completing this form:

Facility responsible for patient care: Public Health Clinic Private Physician Hospital Other (specify):

Signs/Symptoms at DX (Check all that apply) Fever Weight Loss ($\geq 10\%$) Chills Cough Other: Productive Cough Hemoptysis Night Sweat Date of earliest onset	Chest X-Ray Normal Abnormal Not Done Unknown If Abnormal, check abnormality Cavitary Stable Non-cavitary, consistent with TB Worsening Non-cavitary, not consistent with TB Improving Unknown	CT Scan Date Status	If Pediatric TB Case (<15 Years Old) Country of birth for primary guardians: Guardian 1: Guardian 2: Patient lived outside US for > 3 months Yes, country: No Unknown
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Status New Recurrent Reopen Prior Therapy Yes No If yes, start date stop date	AFB Smear Results Current Negative Positive Pending Not done Specimen type: sputum urine bronchial washing biopsy other If biopsy or other, list anatomic site of specimen If other than sputa, type of exam Collection date of initial positive AFB smear Collection date of first consistently negative AFB smear
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ATS Classification

- 0 - No M. TB Exposure, Not TB Infected
- 1 - M. TB Exposure, No Evidence of TB Infection
- 2 - M. TB Infection, No Disease
- 3 - M. TB Infection, Current Disease
- 4 - M. TB, No Current Disease
- 5 - M. TB Suspect, Diagnosis Pending

Predominant Site (Class 3, 4, 5):

Significant Sites (other than Predominant)

00	Pulmonary	30	Bone and/or Joint
10	Pleural	40	Genitourinary
20	Lymphatic	50	Miliary/Disseminated
21	Cervical	60	Meningeal
22	Intrathoracic	70	Peritoneal
23	Other	80	Other (Specify)

Other Diagnosis

Treatment for Active TB Disease	Weight	Height
Regimen Start	Regimen Stop	
Restart	Stop	
DOT: Yes No, specify reason:		
DOT Site: Clinic or other medical facility Field VDOT		
Frequency: Daily: 5x/week Daily: 7x/week 2x/week 3x/week		
Isoniazid mgs Rifater mgs		
Rifampin mgs Levofloxacin mgs		
Rifamate mgs Moxifloxacin mgs		
Pyrazinamide mgs Rifapentine mgs		
Ethambutol mgs Bedaquiline mgs		
Streptomycin mgs Clofazimine mgs		
Ethionamide mgs Cycloserine mgs		
Capreomycin mgs Linezolid mgs		
Amikacin mgs PAS mgs		
Ciprofloxacin mgs B6 mgs		
Ofloxacin mgs		
Rifabutin mgs		

Prescribed for: months Maximum refills authorized:

Closure Date:

Completion of adequate therapy Lost to followup
Patient chose to stop Adverse drug reaction
Deceased (Cause):
Moved out of state/country to:
Date referral sent to central office:

Provider decision: Pregnant Non-TB Other:

Doses Taken: Doses taken by DOT:
Doses Recommended: % Doses taken by DOT:
Months on Rx: Months Recommended:

Culture Results Current Negative Pending Not done Positive for M. TB Non-M. TB, specify: Specimen type: sputum urine bronchial washing biopsy other If biopsy or other, list anatomic site of specimen: Collection date of initial positive MTB culture: Collection date of first consistently negative MTB culture: Sputum culture conversion documented? Yes No NA If no, specify reason:	Susceptibility Results Initial culture collected: Resistant to: No Resistance INH RIF EMB Other resistance: Last pos. culture collected: Resistant to: INH RIF EMB Other resistance: Reason Therapy Extending > 12 months: Hospitalization Advised: Yes No Control Order: Compliant: Yes No Court Action: Quarantine Advised: Yes No Isolation: Yes, date: No, date released:
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General Comments:

Nurse Signature Date

Physician Signature Date

Authorize nurse to obtain informed consent