



Reporting Tuberculosis —February 15, 2023

Over the past 2 years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) and Texas Department of State Health Services, Public Health Region 8 (PHR 8), provide management and treatment to clients (based on client's residence) with suspected and confirmed TB disease including medication adherence through directly observed therapy, isolation when needed, medication refinement, and treatment to cure. 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 confirmed or suspected TB, please fax demographic and clinical information to the appropriate public health department within 1 working day:

Bexar County Residents:

San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Tuberculosis Prevention & Control
Program
Phone: (210) 207-8823
Fax: (210) 207-8779

Residents of Other Counties:

Texas Department of State Health
Services Public Health Region 8
Phone: (210) 949-2121
Fax: (512) 206-3949