

# TB PARTNERS SHAREPOINT, RESOURCES, TB SERVICES & STANDARDS MANUAL

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## ○ TB Partners SharePoint

- A comprehensive resource hub of TB topics for local health staff
- Only WA LHJs can request access through [tbervices@doh.wa.gov](mailto:tbervices@doh.wa.gov)



## ○ WA DOH TB Website

- General information for the public, public health professionals, providers, etc.
- Public access

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# Washington State TB Services & Standards Manual

This manual describes policies, protocols and recommendations for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis (TB) in Washington State. It was written primarily for the Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) and Tribal Public Health Partners of Washington State as a reference guide on TB diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

While this manual is comprehensive and covers both routine and complex issues, it cannot and should not be substituted for the best judgment of individual providers in specific clinical situations. Those who use this manual are strongly encouraged to seek expert consultation when needed, particularly in special situations, such as drug-resistant tuberculosis.

You can reach WA State TB Program medical and nursing consultants at [TBServices@DOH.WA.GOV](mailto:TBServices@DOH.WA.GOV) Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Acknowledgements:** In addition to the multiple resources and references in the **TB Services and Standards Manual** chapters, the Washington State TB Program would like to thank the [Curry International TB Center](#) and the [Alaska State TB Program](#); this manual was adapted from these two resources. The TB Program Team was involved in the initial writing and editing of this manual between 2021 and 2023.

**Please note:** updates for this manual will be ongoing. To view the latest version, we recommend accessing the chapters online rather than downloading a copy.

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# TB Services Manual

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- Chapter 8: Treatment of Latent TB Infection
- Chapter 9: Pediatric Latent TB Infection and Tuberculosis Diagnosis and Treatment
- [Chapter 10: Case Management](#) (TB Partners SharePoint access only)
- [Chapter 11: Contact Investigation](#) (TB Partners SharePoint access only)

***Some chapters are available to the public on the WA DOH site: <https://doh.wa.gov/tb>***

# Washington State Tuberculosis Services and Standards Manual

## Chapter 6: Treatment of TB Disease



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*This is a “living document” Check that you have the most up-to-date version.*

*The manual has “stand alone” chapters, so each begins with the same couple of pages:*

- Purpose,
- Audience,
- Eliminating Stigmatizing Language
- Guide to the Icons

## About the Washington State Tuberculosis Program Manual

### Purpose

In Washington State, tuberculosis (TB) care and prevention is governed by state law and rule. The purpose of the TB Services and Standards manual is to provide information and guidance to aid local health jurisdictions (LHJs) in fulfilling the requirements detailed in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.28.005 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-170. This manual includes information and links to CDC guidelines and TB Centers of Excellence materials with key steps and information needed to fulfill these required TB care and prevention tasks.

### Audience

The most likely readers of this manual are people working in the health field. This may include, but is not limited to: nurses, physicians, Health Officers, Regional Medical Officers, epidemiologists, disease intervention specialists and outreach workers from local and state TB programs, Indian Health Services, clinics and hospitals.

### Eliminating Stigmatizing Language

Judgmental terms and negative connotations of words such as ‘defaulter’ and ‘suspect’ may be perceived to place blame for the disease and responsibility for adverse treatment outcomes on the patient. To assist in implementing a change in the use of stigmatizing language the Heartland TB Center of Excellence, the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease, the National Society of TB Clinicians, the global TB community and the Treatment Action Group developed this reference tool to aid in identifying suggested replacement language as a reminder of how our words may affect others.

Use This....	Not that....	Use This....	Not that....
Adherence / Non-adherence	Compliance / Non-compliance	Undocumented	Illegal; Illegal alien
Person lost to follow up	Defaulter	Person with TB disease	TB case
TB Prevention and Care	TB Control	Treatment failed	Treatment failure
Person to be evaluated for TB	TB Suspect	Missed doses/ Non-adherent	Delinquent
HIV-Positive	HIV-infected	Contact Analysis; Contact Elicitation; Contact Identification	Investigation; Investigate
Immigrant	Alien	Exposed to TB	TB Contact
Lack of housing; Under-housed; People experiencing homelessness	Homeless/ Homelessness	Tuberculosis	Consumption; White Plague

Adapted from: [https://www.heartlandtbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/FactSheet\\_Final\\_5\\_19\\_16.pdf](https://www.heartlandtbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/FactSheet_Final_5_19_16.pdf)

## How to Use This Manual

### Icons

Throughout the manual, these icons quickly cue you about important information and other resources:



This warns about high-consequence information you must understand when performing the task.



This signals when you should call to report or to consult on the task.



This highlights special considerations for pediatric patients.



This suggests another relevant area in the manual or another resource that you may want to review.



This alerts you that a form is available for the task.

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**Updates coming this summer and fall**

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[doh.wa.gov/tb](https://doh.wa.gov/tb)

# TB Program Webpage: [www.doh.wa.gov/TB](http://www.doh.wa.gov/TB)

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## Tuberculosis (TB)

Illness and Disease A to Z

Animal Transmitted Diseases

Antibiotics and Antibiotic Resistance

Asthma

Autism

Birth Defects

Brucellosis

Campylobacter

Cancer

Chickenpox (Varicella)

Cryptococcosis

Cryptosporidium

Death with Dignity Act

Dementia

Diabetes

Diphtheria

### About Tuberculosis



According to the [World Health Organization](#):

- About 1/4 of the world's population are infected with tuberculosis (TB) bacteria. Of those infected, 5-15% will become sick with TB disease. People with weakened immune systems are at even [higher risk](#) of becoming sick.
- In 2018, over 1.5 million people died worldwide from TB disease.
- TB is one of the top 10 causes of death worldwide and a leading killer of people who are HIV-positive.

### COVID-19 and Tuberculosis

[During COVID Don't Forget About TB \(PDF\)](#)

[Health Advisory](#) - Consider pulmonary TB disease in patients presenting with symptoms **and** risk factors consistent with TB, regardless of COVID-19 test results.

[COVID-19 and Tuberculosis - English \(PDF\)](#)

[El COVID-19 y la Tuberculosis - Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

[Updated Interim Recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccination and TB Testing](#)

[Afghan Arrival Resources](#)

# TB Program Webpage: [doh.wa.gov/tbecho](http://doh.wa.gov/tbecho)

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Laws & Guidelines
Local Public Health +
TB Newsletter
TB Patient Resources
TB Provider Toolkit
Training and Education -
<b>TB ECHO</b>
Where Do I Get a TB Test?

## TB Project ECHO®

TB Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a collaborative model of medical education and care management that provides healthcare professionals with the knowledge and support they need to manage patients with TB infection through:



- Consultations for clinicians working with patients who have TB infection or TB disease.
  - Participants receive case notes, prepared by the TB ECHO panel, following the session.
- Didactics on TB-related topics offered twice a month.
  - Continuing education credits available for didactics.
- Mentoring, from TB specialist, on best practice standards in TB care.
- Ability to participate remotely using free, easy-to-use videoconference technology.

[Enroll in TB ECHO!](#)

## Schedule

Sessions are held weekly\* from 12:30-1:30 PM, Pacific Time.

# TB Program Webpage: [doh.wa.gov/tb-news](https://doh.wa.gov/tb-news)

The screenshot shows the Washington State Department of Health website. At the top left is the logo with the text "Washington State Department of HEALTH". To the right are links for "About Us", "Contact Us", and "Newsroom". Below these is a search bar. A dark blue navigation bar contains several menu items: "You & Your Family", "Community & Environment", "Licenses, Permits, & Certificates", "Data & Statistical Reports", "Emergencies", and "Public Health & Provider Resources". Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home | You & Your Family | Illness And Disease | Tuberculosis (TB) | TB News".

**In this section**

- Tuberculosis (TB)**
- Data & Reports
- Facts About TB
- Laws & Guidelines
- Local Public Health
- TB News**
- TB Patient Resources
- TB Provider Toolkit
- Training and Education

## TB News

The Washington Department of Health TB Program offers "TB News," a monthly newsletter to keep local health jurisdictions, healthcare providers, and other TB partners up to date on activities in Washington State.

[Sign up for TB News](#)

### 2023 TB News


- [April](#)
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### 2022 TB News

# Oregon, Washington, Idaho (OWI) Monthly Journal Club

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Email [tbservices@doh.wa.gov](mailto:tbservices@doh.wa.gov) to be added to the journal club mailing list



**Introducing**  
**OREGON, WASHINGTON & IDAHO (OWI)**  
**TB JOURNAL CLUB**

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**Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 1:00-2:00 pm, PT**

Today, join colleagues from Northwest regional public health programs in a monthly discussion of current publications relevant to tuberculosis in public health.

- Audience: TB staff of all professional backgrounds in local and state public health in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho
- Meeting hosted by Scott Hutton, PhD MPH Epidemiology Section Manager, Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Article: [Exploring the role of wastewater-based epidemiology in understanding tuberculosis burdens in Africa](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2023.115911) (Hlengiwe N. Mtetwa, Isaac D. Amoah, Sheena Kumari, Faizal Bux, Poovendhree Reddy, Environmental Research, Volume 231, Part 1, 2023, 115911, ISSN 0013-9351, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2023.115911>.)
- [Add to calendar](#)

[Questions \(.doc\)](#)

# Contact Us

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- Email [tbservices@doh.wa.gov](mailto:tbservices@doh.wa.gov)
  - For LHJs to request SharePoint access and troubleshoot access issues
  - If you need assistance locating specific resources
  - Make suggestions or inform us of errors or broken links
- A first-time SharePoint LHJ guest must access the site via the auto-generated email invitation. After that, they can access the site through links outside of the email invitation.

