

TUBERCULOSIS SUSPECT CASE REPORT



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Reporting of all patients with confirmed or suspect tuberculosis (TB) is mandated by state Health and Safety Codes Div. 4, Chapter 5 and Admin, Codes, Title 17, Chapter 4, Section 2500 and must be done within **one day of diagnosis**.

WHY DO YOU REPORT?

Because it is the law! The health department performs many vital functions to ensure public health and safety, including case management, contact follow-up, assessment of compliance with treatment and appointments, and directly observed therapy (DOT). The TB Control staff will also assist in facilitating timely and appropriate discharge planning. **Since January 1, 1994, state law mandates that all TB patients have a health department-approved discharge plan, prior to discharge.**

WHO MUST REPORT?

Anyone aware of a patient suspected to have, or confirmed with, active TB.

WHEN DO YOU REPORT?

- A) When active TB is one of the primary differential diagnoses. This often occurs when:
 - 1. signs and symptoms of TB are present, and/or
 - 2. the patient has an abnormal chest x-ray consistent with TB, and/or
 - 3. the patient is placed on multidrug therapy for active TB or
- B) When specimen smears are positive for acid fast bacilli (AFB).
- C) When the patient has a positive *M. tuberculosis* or *M. bovis* culture.

HOW DO YOU REPORT?

The form on the other side is to be completed **in its entirety** and submitted to the health department. TB Control staff will review this form and may return a call to the physician as needed.

By phone: (619) 692-8610

By cell phone: (619) 540-0194 (weekdays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., weekends/holidays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

By FAX: (619) 692-5516

This form, when submitted to TB Control, fulfills the legal requirement for reporting. The process for discharge or transfer approval necessitates a different form. Please call (619) 692-8610 for further information about discharge care plan submission/approval.