

## REPORTING TUBERCULOSIS in San Antonio/ Bexar County

The Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act (Health & Safety Code, Chapter 81) requires physicians, dentists, veterinarians and chiropractors to report, after the first professional encounter, each patient examined who is suspected of having a reportable disease. Also required to report are individuals from hospitals, laboratories and schools. Detailed rules on the reporting of notifiable diseases and conditions and the duties of local health authorities may be found in Article 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code. Failure to report is a class B misdemeanor.

### **Suspected<sup>1</sup> or Confirmed<sup>2</sup> Active Tuberculosis disease Must be reported within one working day**

All reports must include the following patient information:

- patient's full name
- date of birth
- race/ethnicity & gender
- address/city/zip/county of residence
- physician's name/phone/address
- physician diagnosis
- date/type/result of test(s) performed (lab, skin test)
- reports of imaging or radiographic studies
- records of hospital or outpatient care/discharge summary
- treatment administered/medication prescribed

<sup>1</sup>Signs & symptoms consistent with TB disease and abnormal chest x-ray or AFB positive specimen (with or without a positive tuberculin skin test).

<sup>2</sup>Laboratory confirmation of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* on culture or a positive DNA probe.

to

San Antonio Metropolitan Health District | Tuberculosis Control Division | City Chest Clinic  
814 McCullough, San Antonio, Texas 78215

**phone: (210) 207-8823 | fax: (210) 228-0155**

**Suspected or Confirmed TB cases will be provided medical co-management care by a SAMHD physician & primary care/treating physician. Medications will be provided by the health department and administered by directly observed therapy (DOT) following CDC guidelines. Written prescriptions for TB medications are not necessary.**

### **Positive TB Skin Test (Latent Tuberculosis Infection-LTBI)<sup>3</sup> -What to do-**

Refer to primary care physician for evaluation and medical management/possible treatment. For those persons without a primary care physician, the SAMHD will provide a list of clinics that serve the indigent population.

A Texas Department of State Health Services TB 400 A form must be completed and faxed to the SAMHD TB Control Division (fax: 210-228-0155), once at the beginning of LTBI therapy and again at completion of adequate LTBI therapy or at closure if patient fails to complete therapy.

The TB 400 A form can be found at: [www.tdh.state.tx.us/tb/pdfs/TB-400A](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/tb/pdfs/TB-400A) or call the SAMHD TB Control Division for a copy at 210-207-8823.

***NOTE:*** The SAMHD will continue to evaluate special populations from specially designated groups and facilities, i.e. homeless shelters, jails, etc.

<sup>3</sup>Positive tuberculin skin test (For those with risk factors, induration of 10mm or greater. For immuno-compromised patients, induration of 5mm or greater. For those without risk factors, induration of 15mm or greater.) **without** signs & symptoms or **without** chest x-ray results consistent with active TB disease. **These persons are not contagious.**

For further information, please call (210) 207-8823.