MDPH Tuesday Infectious Disease Webinar Series

Tuberculosis for Local Boards of Health

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TB Background

Mycobacterial Disease

TUBERCULOSIS

Lungs

Bone

Pulmonary

Lymph system

CNS and Brain

"Infectious"

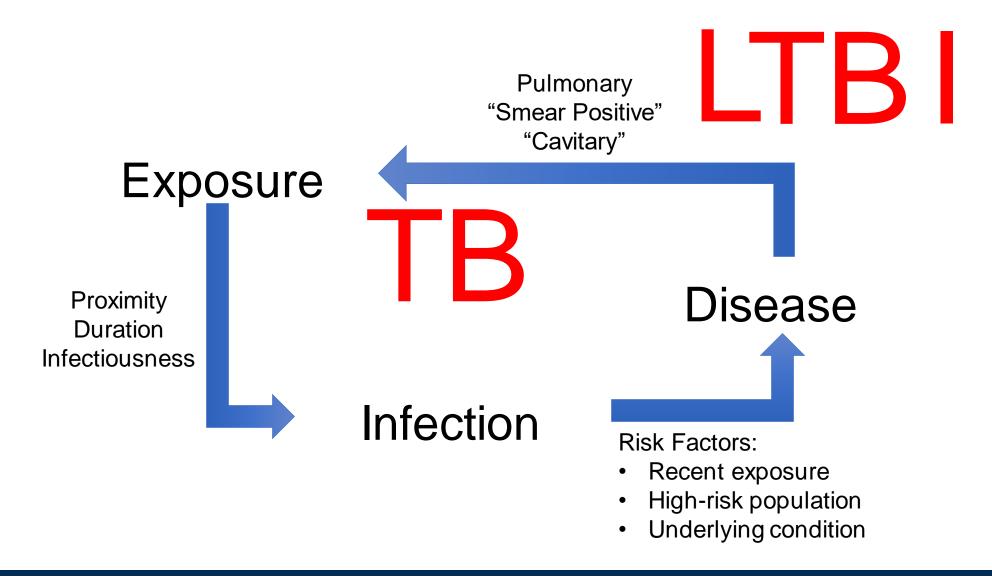
Blood

Pleural Spaces

Eyes

Reproductive system

It's a continuum



I've been exposed!

"contact" to someone "infectious" Could be any time during a person's life



I've been infected!

TB Bacteria take up residence in body Immune response sufficient to maintain equilibrium

No symptoms Chest radiology is *normal*

Not Infectious!

Tests available

Treatment available

~5 -10% of persons

I've got TB disease!

Immune response insufficient to contain bacteria

Cough, night sweats, fever, fatigue, weight loss

Chest radiology is often abnormal

Infectious! *

Tests available

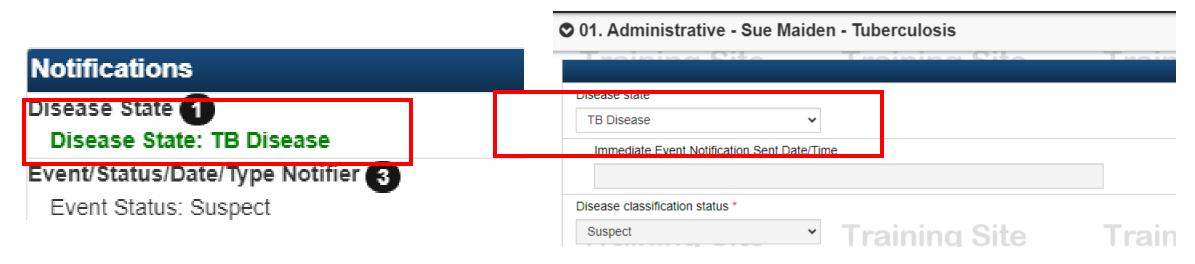
Treatment available

Tuberculosis and MAVEN

Also a Continuum in MAVEN

TB Disease and TB infection (LTBI) are the same EVENT in MAVEN (Tuberculosis)

They are differentiated by a disease state variable, which will tell you where they are in the continuum.

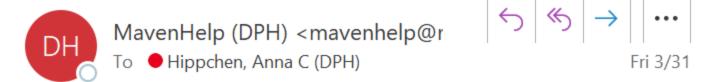


Summary of Massachusetts TB Regulations and Laws

- 105 CMR 300: TB infection and disease are reportable
 - Laboratories: Report positive NAAT or culture. Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) facilitates timely reporting to DPH (but not all labs are on ELR)
 - Healthcare providers: Report suspected active TB and confirmed active TB cases directly to DPH (including extra-pulmonary TB)
- 105 CMR 365: Standards of management of TB outside hospitals
 - 365.200: Case management
 - 365.600: Discharge planning from hospital into out-patient setting
- MGL Chapter 111 Section 94A-C: Compulsory hospitalization of person with infectious TB

TB suspect/case notification

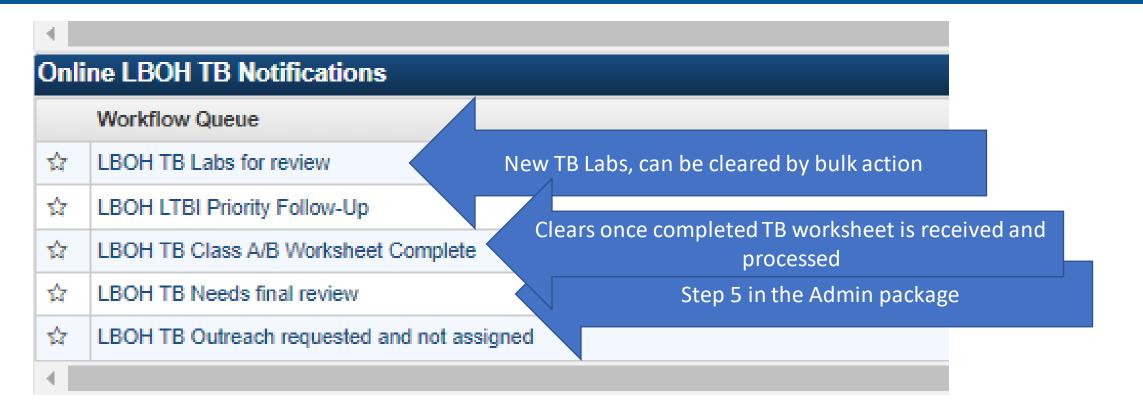
New Suspect Tuberculosis case in MAVEN.



Event 129220468 - suspected Tuberculosis for TB_DISEASE. Access event at https://sso.hhs.state.ma.us/vgportal/login Please coordinate follow-up with MDPH. If this link does not work copy and paste to your Browser!



Other TB Workflows



High Priority Latent TB Infection (LTBI) workflow

Persons who are close contacts to someone with active TB disease

Testing, referrals may be needed, in collaboration with DPH

Persons arriving with a Class A/B notification

 LBOH provides case management including making contact, recommending next steps, referral, monthly phone calls for treatment adherence support

Refugees

- First steps are taken by DPH Direct Services Team and refugee health assessment provider
- LTBI treatment adherence support by LBOH is very helpful

Children

- Prioritize < age 5, call provider to ensure there is a referral for X-ray and appropriate medical evaluation, DOPT support may be needed
- Age 5-17: if you have time call provider to confirm there is a referral for X-ray and care

Contacts

Identified Contacts living in your Jurisdiction (whether from your own tracing efforts or others!) must be

- Tested (TST, Quest referral, or PCP)
- Referred to Clinic if positive (or evaluated by PCP)
- Hopefully treated, with some adherence support
- Process recorded in MAVEN

Epidemiologist Support

Contact investigations

- Work with Team EPI to Identify Exposure sites, infectious periods and identify exposed individuals
- Epi's can make quest-lab orders for IGRA testing identified contacts and assist with finding TB clinic appointments
- Can help facilitate contact testing events at sites where there are many potentially exposed individuals in the same place

Surveillance

 Manages data related to TB cases including requesting additional details for required data elements

New Arrivals with Class A/B notification

- CDC provides direction and technical assistance to overseas panel sites for medical screening of applicants for permanent residence in the US, including refugees
- Medical screening includes TB assessment
- Outcome of the screening determines the classification
 - Class A Active TB, travel is deferred until after treatment completion
 - Class B1 Persons (usually adults) with abnormal CXRs, but negative sputum AFB smears and mycobacterial cultures
 - Class B2 Children with positive TSTs/IGRAs and normal CXRs

Responsibilities for Class A/B arrivals

- Identify and contact arrival
- Facilitate testing
- Refer to TB clinic
- If treatment is recommended, provide adherence support and education
- Coordinate with Direct Services Team for outreach support
- Cooperate with clinic and DPH to fill out the Class B worksheet attached to MAVEN event
- See Webinar in MAVEN Help for additional details

Children with TB infection

- Children with TB infection need extra support
- Possible exposure window is smaller, amount of time to possibly develop disease is longer

Responsibilities/Requests

- Do TB education with family
- Encourage preventative treatment
- Offer adherence support (text messages, appointment reminders etc.)

MAVEN and Data Resources





Here you can find information about TB disease (the condition when a person is sick with TB) and about latent TB infection (the condition when a person has TB germs in their body but is not sick at this time).



General MA TB program website

www.mass.gov/Tuberculosis

Lots of information for public and medical professionals as well as data and statistics

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Tuberculosis Reports Tip Sheet for LBOH Users

Desired Data	Report Name	How to Run Report	Notes / Considerations
TB Disease case total with ability to	DGP Event Information Extract by	From the MAVEN splash screen, click	Allows for selection of entire
extract complete question packages	Disease	on "Reports." For category value,	question packages (please
		select "Custom Reports." Select "DGP	restrict question packages to
		Event Information Extract by Disease."	only those that you need). Users
		Select / input desired values for report	should run this report instead of
		parameters. Note that you should	the LBOH Event Information
		select "Tuberculosis" for the disease	Extract by Disease report.
		value. For disease state, select "TB	
		Disease."	
TB Infection case total with ability to	DGP Event Information Extract by	Follow the steps above but select "TB	Allows for selection of entire
extract complete question packages	Disease	Infection" instead of "TB Disease" for	question packages (please
		the disease state value.	restrict question packages to
			only those that you need). Users
			should run this report instead of
			the LBOH Event Information
			Extract by Disease report.
TB Disease and TB Infection aggregate	LBOH Count – Events Per Disease and	From the MAVEN splash screen, click	Do not run this report for a
case total by classification and	Classification in Jurisdiction	on "Reports." For category value,	period greater than 30 days.
jurisdiction(s) for up to a 30-day		select "Custom Reports." Select "LBOH	LBOH can select multiple
period		Count – Events Per Disease and	jurisdictions if they have access
		Classification in Jurisdiction." Select /	to those jurisdictions. MAVEN
		input desired values for report	superusers cannot run this
		parameters.	report unless they have specific
			access to the selected
			jurisdictions.
TB Disease and TB Infection aggregate	LBOH Basic Line List	From the MAVEN splash screen, click	LBOH can select multiple
case total by classification and		on "Reports." For category value,	jurisdictions if they have access
jurisdiction(s) for greater than a 30-		select "Custom Reports." Select "LBOH	to those jurisdictions. MAVEN
day period		Basic Line List." Select / input desired	superusers cannot run this
		values for report parameters.	report unless they have specific
			access to the selected
			jurisdictions.

Division's TB program resources

- Technical assistance and consultation
 - Contact investigation support with TST or IGRA testing
 - Available throughout course of treatment
 - From early diagnosis to completion of therapy
- Community Health Worker support
- MAVEN Help Section
- Health education materials for patients
 - https://www.mass.gov/lists/tb-information-foryour-patients-in-english-and-other-languages



Additional, external resources

- TB Centers of Excellence for Training, Education, and Medical Consultation
 - Rutgers Global TB Center: https://globaltb.njms.rutgers.edu/
- CDC Division of Tuberculosis Elimination
 - https://www.cdc.gov/tb/default.htm
 - Continuing education modules, including case management
- CDC's Health education materials for patients
 - https://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/patient_edmaterials.htm
- Stop TB
 - https://www.stoptb.org/
 - Words, language matters: https://www.stoptb.org/words-matter-language-guide

Questions ?