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What to Report

The following is a summary of reportable conditions related to tuberculosis in the state of Colorado:

CONDITION/TEST RESULT:	REPORTABLE BY WHOM:
Confirmed or suspected cases of <u>active</u> tuberculosis disease, regardless of whether confirmed by laboratory tests.	Physicians, health care providers, hospitals, other similar private or public institutions, or any other person providing treatment to the confirmed or suspected case must report within 24 hours . A report of test results by a laboratory does not relieve the attending physician of his/her reporting obligation.
Sputum smears positive for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) and cultures positive for <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (<i>M. tuberculosis</i>).	All laboratories that perform TB testing and in-state laboratories that send specimens for out-of state testing must report within 24 hours . The requirement to report specimen results are fulfilled if the specimens or isolates are sent to the State public health laboratory no more than two days after specimen collection or identification of <i>M. tuberculosis</i> . A report by the physician does not relieve the laboratory of its reporting obligation.
Persons who are infected with TB (without active disease) and who are requesting treatment or chest x-ray interpretations through the TB Program (see "Treatment for LTBI").	Physicians, public health agencies, other health care providers requesting treatment or chest x-ray interpretations for a client through the TB Program.
A tuberculin skin test (TST) result of 5 mm induration or more, if it occurs in a health care worker, correctional facility worker, or detention facility worker who has had close contact to a known TB case.	Physicians, health care providers and health care facilities must report within 7 days .
Any patient on directly observed therapy that has missed one dose.	Physicians, health care providers and health care facilities must report within 7 days .

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The TB Program or the local health agency will need the following information regarding a reported confirmed/suspect TB case or latent TB infection case for whom services/medications are requested (see “TB Surveillance and Case Management Report,” section 5, “Forms”):

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Reason for test
- Sex
- Race/ethnic origin
- Country of Birth/Date of arrival to the U.S.
- Marital status
- Site of disease
- Symptoms/onset
- Comorbid health conditions
- Drug and alcohol use
- Employment information
- Hospital admission information
- Bacteriology results, date(s), and name of laboratory performing test(s)
- X-ray results (if applicable)
- HIV testing information
- Tuberculin skin test results (in mm) and date of test
- Drug therapy (medications used, dates given, mode of treatment)
- Type of isolation/quarantine arrangements
- Other pertinent medical & epidemiological information
- Provider names/addresses/telephone numbers

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Who to Notify Regarding Active/Suspect TB

All cases, suspect cases and positive laboratory results (see, “What to Report”) must be reported within 24 hours to the local health agency or the TB Program. Options for reporting a case include:

- Telephone report to: (303) 692-2638 or after hours and on weekends at (303) 370-9395.
- Fax report to (303) 691-7749 **(Mon-Fri only)**
- Via web-based reporting system (TB Database-TBdb).¹

¹ Colorado TB Database System (TBdb) is available via the Internet by approved, trained users. Contact the TB Program for further information or requests for training/approved use.

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References

Colorado Revised Statutes, Part 5; 25-4-501 through 25-4-513.

Colorado Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Epidemic and Communicable Disease Control (6- CCR-1009-1).

Resources

For questions about reporting procedures, call the TB Program (303) 692-2638.