Tuberculosis (TB)

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by germs spread in the air from one person to another. TB is still in the U.S.

Signs and Symptoms of Active TB:

- Cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer
- Pain in the chest
- Coughing up blood or sputum
- Fever/Chills/Sweats
- Weakness



Signs and Symptoms of Inactive/Latent TB:

- No symptoms of TB
- · Positive TB test
- Normal chest x-ray and negative laboratory test

Preventive Steps:

- Persons with diabetes, HIV, transplantation, and weakened immune systems should be tested for TB and treated if positive.
- If you test positive for latent/inactive TB, the best way to protect yourself is treatment.
- Test all healthcare providers upon hire.

TB can be treated:

- If you test positive, work with your provider to get treated.
- Talk with family and friends regarding close contact exposure if you are diagnosed with active TB.

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