



Coalition to End TB in Los Angeles County



January 13th, 2021



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- World TB Day 2021
- Break
- TB Elimination Plan Updates
- Reminders
- Adjourn



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Welcome!

- Please state your name and organization you are representing
- What is something you are grateful for/something that has helped you during this time?



Announcements





World TB Day 2021

- Brainstorm ideas for World TB Day messaging and other activities
- What does your organization typically do?
- What can you/your organization commit to doing to commemorate World TB Day on March 24th?



LA County TB Elimination Plan





TB Elimination Plan: Overview

- Justification: To reduce the severity of TB disease and infection in Los Angeles County.
- TBCP staff conducted three community advisory meetings with stakeholders to collect input on and assist to develop recommendations, strategies, and action items.
 - First meeting took place on 11/19/2020
 - Second meeting took place on 12/17/2020
 - Third meeting will take place on 1/21/2021
- The plan consists of nine recommendations each with a set of activities. We encourage coalition members to join the remaining meeting and share their feedback with TBCP staff



TB Elimination Plan: Recommendations 1 and 2

- **Recommendation 1:** Find and engage persons and populations at high-risk for TB and their providers in Los Angeles County (LAC).
 - Develop TB health profile maps for the 5 regions.
 - Develop strategy to link people to LTBI treatment based on map.
- **Recommendation 2:** Apply focused and effective strategies for TB testing in Los Angeles County.
 - Increase use of LAC TB risk assessment among providers in LAC.
 - Increase use of IGRA testing among non-U.S.-born individuals.
 - Advocate for adoption of new strategy for Healthcare Personnel (HCP) testing.



TB Elimination Plan: Recommendations 3 and 4

- **Recommendation 3:** Optimize treatment for LTBI.
 - Increase use of telehealth and e-consult for LTBI case management.
 - Develop TB Champions pledge to encourage providers to have visibility regarding supporting LTBI treatment.
- **Recommendation 4:** Develop strong and effective partnerships to eliminate TB in Los Angeles County.
 - Identify and engage with local healthcare organization leadership and stakeholders within the TB care cascade.
 - Encourage partners to participate in Coalition to End TB in LAC.



TB Elimination Plan: Recommendations 5 and 6

- **Recommendation 5:** Create an effective communication plan to promote testing for and treatment of LTBI to health providers and the community in Los Angeles County.
 - Utilize qualitative data from CDC's LTBI Communication Campaign and various focus groups
 - Encourage patient and provider use and access to TB and LTBI resources.
- **Recommendation 6:** Develop and implement a surveillance system for reporting, tracking and evaluation of LTBI in Los Angeles County.
 - Establish community reporting module within IRIS for those providers not using ORCHID



TB Elimination Plan: Recommendations 7 and 8

- **Recommendation 7:** Secure sufficient resources for implementing the Los Angeles County TB elimination plan.
 - Need to find a way to resourcing IGRAs.
 - Engage TB survivors and their associated communities/community leaders to engage and advocate with decision makers to support increased funding at the federal, state and local level.
- **Recommendation 8:** Increase TB research.
 - Establish business case for LTBI screening and treatment completion.



TB Elimination Plan: Recommendation 9

- **Recommendation 9:** Promote equitable access and outcomes for the diagnosis and treatment of LTBI and TB disease for all residents of LAC.
 - Develop overlay comparison of TB case hotspots and COVID-19 case hotspots within LAC.
 - Engage voices that represent the populations with disparities in the Coalition to End TB.
 - Develop TB educational materials that are at the appropriate literacy level and in the appropriate languages that providers may review with their patients to increase willingness to initiate and complete TB treatment.

Next Meeting



See you in May!

