



Coalition to End TB in Los Angeles County



October 20th, 2021



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Updates
- World TB Day 2022
- Break
- Open Discussion/Questions
- Reminders
- Adjourn



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Welcome!

- Please state your name and organization you are representing in the chat box
- Please log on to [menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and use number 7429 6689 to participate
- What is your favorite fall season drink and/or food? <https://www.menti.com/ttkzfy3fbq>



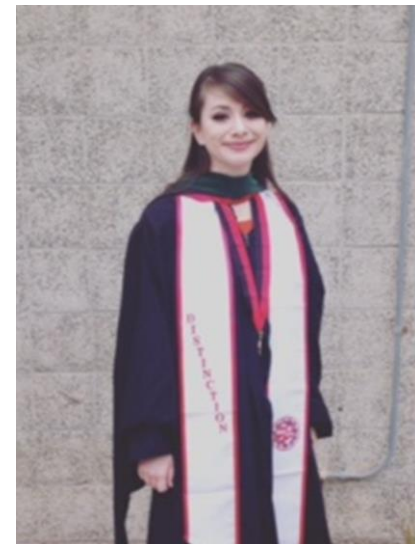
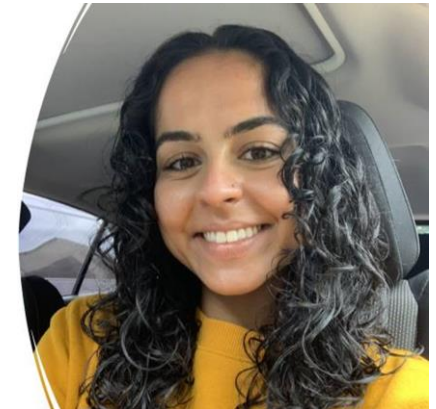


Announcements



UPDATES

- Staff Changes
 - Harjas Dhillon - California Public Health Corps Pathways Program Trainee
 - Kim Otello - Health Educator
 - Claire Hastings has moved to a new department in LAC DPH
- WTBD Activity
 - LAX Pylon – approved





Organizational Updates

- Please provide a quick update on your organization's current efforts in the field (trainings events, resources, staff changes, etc.)



TB Elimination Plan (Draft)

- **If you are interested in reviewing the TB Elimination Plan with Dr. Higashi, please reach out to her directly JHigashi@ph.lacounty.gov**
- **Recommendation 1:** Find and engage persons and populations at high-risk for TB and their providers in Los Angeles County (LAC).
- **Recommendation 2:** Apply focused and effective strategies for TB testing in Los Angeles County.
- **Recommendation 3:** Optimize treatment for LTBI.
- **Recommendation 4:** Develop strong and effective partnerships to eliminate TB in Los Angeles County.
- **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.
- **Recommendation 7:** Secure sufficient resources for implementing the Los Angeles County TB elimination plan.
- **Recommendation 8:** Increase TB research.
- **Recommendation 9:** Promote equitable access and outcomes for the diagnosis and treatment of LTBI and TB disease for all residents of LAC.



Break





LAC TB Facts as We Look to a Post COVID World

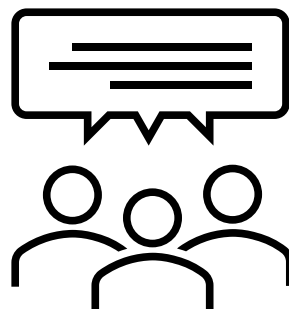
- TB disease incidents in LAC declined by 14% in 2020
 - “missing cases” – elderly, Asian, men
 - This reduction in cases may persist into 2021
 - ? COVID-19 deaths are responsible for these missing cases
 - Delayed diagnosis and detection due to diverted resources and reduced access to care
 - Halt to immigration
- TB deaths increased in LAC in 2020 16% vs. 12%
- Resources for TB control and elimination diverted to COVID-19 response have halted or reversed progress.
- Public health infrastructure is still lacking and is even more precarious
- TB/COVID-19 coincident disease disproportionately affected Latinx communities
- Know your TB status! If you have suffered from COVID-19, this may affect progression from LTBI to TB disease if you haven't completed preventive LTBI treatment.



World TB Day 2022

- Brainstorm ideas for World TB Day messaging and other activities
 - Potential populations/topics to focus on
- What does your organization typically do?
- Are in-person events likely to occur where you are?
 - Are you currently doing any in-person events (this can be anything – just to get an idea)
- What can you/your organization commit to doing to commemorate World TB Day on March 24th?
 - Can you assist?
 - Can you attend?
 - Can we assist you?
 - Can you set up a TB 101 at your org? or any groups you work with?
 - If we have an outreach event, Would you like to table?
 - Can your organization share flyers?

Open Discussion/ Questions



Next Meeting

