

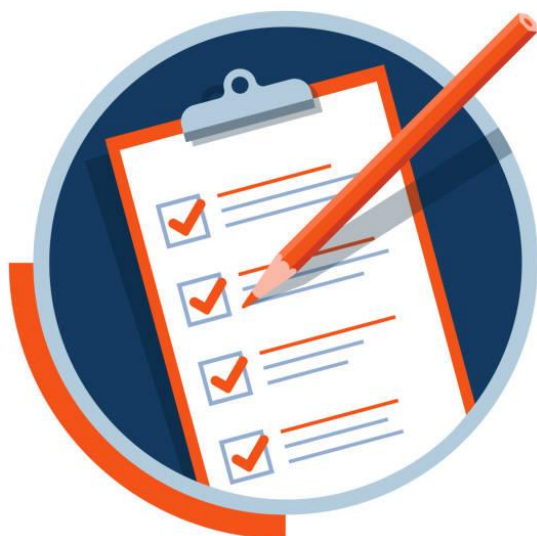


Coalition to End TB in LAC Meeting



July 16th, 2025

Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Organizational Updates
- Community Presentation
- Social Media Posts
- Website Updates
- Adjourn

Welcome!

- Please state the organization you are representing in the chat box
- Are you a new member? Introduce yourself

If able, we ask that you turn on your cameras for engagement

TB Acronym Remix

- If 'TB' stood for something fun (not tuberculosis), what would it be?
- **Please unmute to answer or answer in the chat**





Announcements



Organizational Updates



- Let us know what's new at your organization (trainings events, resources, staff changes, etc.)
 - Are there events you will be hosting or attending?
 - What resources and/or assistance may be needed from any of those represented here, can we provide a training/present?



TBCP Updates

- Community Engagement Exercise 5/21
 - Next Steps
 - Completion (July 18, 2025)
 - » Community feedback will be entered into an online form or PH staff will transfer paper responses into the online form
 - Responses are aggregated and analyzed (July 23, 2025)
 - Develop Infographic to inform community partners about priorities identified and highlight Call to Action opportunities (August 29, 2025)
 - Disseminate infographic (August 29, 2025)



Ryan Clary

TB Free California





Hispanic Heritage Month







2025 THEME: HONORING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year from September 15th to October 15th to honor and celebrate the history and culture of the Hispanic community.

It is also a critical time to highlight the health disparities that still affect this community - including **tuberculosis (TB)**.



TB AND THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

- In Los Angeles County, TB continues to affect the Hispanic community **disproportionately** compared to other groups.
- In 2024, a **higher number** of TB cases in Los Angeles County were among Hispanic individuals.
- Early detection, adequate treatment, and awareness can help protect against TB.
- If you were born in or frequently travel to a country where TB is common, consider getting a TB test.





M. Bovis



Did you know?

Some unpasteurized dairy products can cause tuberculosis disease.

What is *Mycobacterium bovis*?

- Most TB cases are caused by the germ *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB); however, some people may get sick with TB by contracting *Mycobacterium bovis* (*M. bovis*).
- *M. bovis* is a bacterium that is commonly found in cows and other animals such as deer, elk, and bison.
- People can become infected with *M. bovis* by consuming unpasteurized (raw) dairy products.



Symptoms of *M. bovis* disease

Fever
Stomach pain
Diarrhea
Swollen glands

Symptoms of TB disease and *M. bovis*

Cough
Fever
Night sweats
Weight loss

Queso fresco made from unpasteurized milk is the most common source of *M. bovis* contamination.

Be sure to only eat queso fresco that is refrigerated, packaged, and made with pasteurized milk.



Contact your healthcare provider if you have eaten unpasteurized milk or cheese. You may need to get a TB test.





Silicosis



Tuberculosis and Silicosis

What You Should Know

What is silicosis?

Silicosis is an **irreversible** lung disease caused by inhaling silica dust found in artificial or natural stone, sand, cement, or brick. It can cause lung inflammation, stiffening, and scarring. **There is no cure for silicosis.**



Workers who cut, drill, or grind stone are most at risk for silicosis.

Symptoms

- Persistent cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Extreme fatigue
- Weight loss
- Night sweats

Inhaling silica dust can increase your risk of getting tuberculosis (TB).

Silicosis and TB disease are closely related. They have similar symptoms, and both can cause lung damage. Inhaling silica dust can impair the immune system, making workers more susceptible to TB. **Silico-tuberculosis** is the co-infection of silicosis and TB.

How to prevent silicosis:

- Ensure safe work practices by wetting stone before cutting it to minimize the spread of silica dust.
- Always use proper personal protective equipment (PPE), such as respirators.
- Prevent silica dust from getting in the air by using dust collection tools.



TBCP Website Updates





WTBD & Southern California Regional Community of Practice to End TB

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World TB Day

World TB Day is a day to bring public awareness on TB, the deadliest infectious disease in the world. It is held every year on March 24th, to commemorate the day Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacteria that causes TB. World TB Day is a day to acknowledge the presence of the disease and increase efforts to eliminate it.

Each year on World TB Day, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Program conducts special activities to bring awareness to TB.

This year, in 2025, our program:

- Participated in the global "Light Up the World" campaign by lighting Los Angeles City Hall and Union Station in red, the symbolic color of TB.



- Collaborated with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to pass a motion to Proclaim March 24th as World Tuberculosis Day in Los Angeles County.



- Collaborated with the City of Beverly Hills to recognize March 24th as World TB Day.



TB Disease Reporting Forms

Share Your Story



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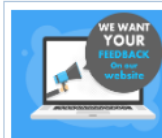
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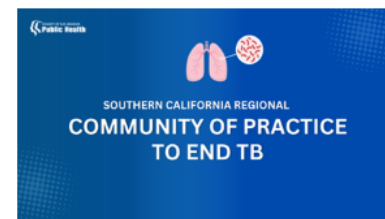


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Southern California Regional Community of Practice to End TB

In California, an estimated 2 million people are living with Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI), with 674,425 individuals in Los Angeles County alone. Since 85% of TB cases in the state are due to the reactivation of LTBI, diagnosing and treating LTBI is crucial to preventing active TB. However, only about 13% of those with LTBI in California receive treatment, leaving a significant opportunity to reduce TB transmission.

The Southern California Community of Practice to End TB is a forum for healthcare providers, clinics, healthcare systems, and public health agencies to work together to scale up LTBI diagnosis and treatment and to facilitate tracking community progress towards TB elimination.



[Meetings: Save the Date](#)

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Department of Public Health TB Control Program Coalition to End TB in Los Angeles County 2025 Meeting Schedule

Microsoft Teams 10:00 am-11:30 am
Save the Dates

Date	Topic	Location
January 15th	World TB Day Planning	Microsoft Teams
February 19th	Canceled	Microsoft Teams
March 19th	World TBD Activities	Microsoft Teams
May 21st	WTB Day Recap / Coalition Acknowledgments	In-person
July 16th	Community Presentation / Elimination Plan	Microsoft Teams
September 17th	TBD	Microsoft Teams
November 19th	Elimination Plan/World TB Day Planning	Microsoft Teams

Topics are subject to change

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Next Meeting: September 17, 2025

Microsoft Teams

