

I had the TB vaccine (BCG) in my home country.
Can I still get TB?



People who had the TB vaccine can still get TB

TB vaccine protection goes away over time

Even if you had the vaccine, a positive blood test means you have LTBI

Taking **LTBI medicine** will **protect you from active TB**

Will having LTBI delay my immigration application?



Taking medicine for LTBI will **NOT** slow down your immigration application



Your immigration doctor will let your local health department know that you have LTBI



The local health department may reach out to you to **provide support**

If you need help finding a doctor who can order your medicine for LTBI, call your local health department:

Contact Us

Phone: (213) 745-0800

Website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/tb/>



What does having latent tuberculosis (LTBI) mean for me?



You can treat LTBI and stop you and your loved ones from getting sick



What is LTBI? How did I get it?

LTBI is an infection with TB germs that are latent (or sleeping) in your body

You got LTBI from **sharing air** with someone who was sick with active TB

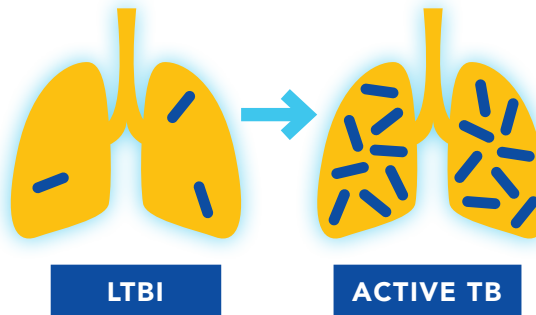
You can have LTBI even if you had a TB vaccine (BCG)

There are **many differences** between LTBI and active TB:

A person with LTBI:	A person with active TB:
Does not feel sick	May feel sick
Has a normal chest X-ray	May have an abnormal X-ray
Cannot spread TB germs to others	Can spread TB germs to others
Treatment can prevent active TB	Treatment can cure active TB
Treatment is shorter (3-4 months) and easier	Treatment is longer (6-12 months or more)

Why should I take medicine for LTBI?

If you don't take medicine for LTBI, it can become active TB



Active TB is a **serious illness** that can make you very sick



Half of people with active TB **are hospitalized**



1 in 6 people with active TB **die within 5 years**

How can I get medicine for LTBI?

Ask the immigration doctor if they can order the medicine for you

If they can't, **go to your regular doctor and ask them to order the medicine** for you (bring your blood test paperwork with you)

You can also contact your local health department to refer you to a clinic for treatment

If you don't take the medicine, you have a 1 in 10 chance that your LTBI will become active TB

Protect yourself from getting active TB and spreading it to your loved ones