



Light up the World in **RED** for World Tuberculosis (TB) Day on March 24<sup>th</sup>

*Tuberculosis is one of the top 10 causes of death worldwide.*  
-World Health Organization

World TB Day takes place on March 24<sup>th</sup> each year and provides an opportunity to raise awareness among the broader community about the ongoing threats the disease poses and our efforts to reach elimination.

TB is caused by a bacterium that most often affects the lungs, however, can be found in any part of the body. TB is still a major public health concern and occurs in every part of the world. Although TB is both treatable and preventable, 1.6 million individuals worldwide died from the disease in 2017.

In California, it is estimated that more than 2 million people (6% of the population) are infected with latent TB infection (LTBI), a dormant form of TB. When left untreated, LTBI can progress to active TB disease. In 2017, California reported 2,057 new active TB cases. Individuals with HIV, diabetes, or another condition that causes a weakened immune system are at greater risk for developing active TB disease.

To raise awareness about this disease, please consider joining the *Light up the World* campaign to show solidarity in ending the threat of TB by lighting various landmarks in red. This World TB Day campaign brings light to this devastating disease that continues to affect our communities while honoring victims and survivors of TB.

We ask you to join this campaign and share photos of these locations lit up in red to let your community know that TB is still a problem and there is work being done to eliminate it.



Light up the World, World TB Day 2018, Union Station, Los Angeles