



California Tuberculosis Controllers Association response to the release of new recommendations for Tuberculosis Screening, Testing and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel

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The California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA) applauds the findings of the systematic review and current evidence-based recommendations in the recently released *Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel: Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association and CDC, 2019* ([MMWR Morb Mort Wkly Rep 2019;68:439-443](#)).

The recommendations presented are consistent with the California Tuberculosis Elimination Plan intervention to reduce tuberculosis (TB) testing in low risk populations and align with the CTCA mission to eliminate the threat of TB from California through leadership and the development of excellence in TB prevention and treatment. Specifically, CTCA applauds the inclusion in the new recommendations of annual symptom review of health care personnel with untreated latent TB infection (LTBI), encouragement of LTBI treatment, and annual TB education.

Please note that health care personnel TB screening and testing mandated in California Code of Regulations Title 8, Section 5199 (Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard), and Title 22, must continue until further direction from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, commonly referred to as Cal OSHA.