



Light up the World in **RED** to End TB on **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day**.

*Tuberculosis the top infectious disease killer in the world.* [World Health Organization](#)

World TB Day, March 24<sup>th</sup> provides an opportunity each year to raise awareness about the ongoing threat TB poses and our efforts to reach elimination.

TB bacteria enters the body through the lungs and most often affects the lungs. TB, however, can travel to any part of the body. Although people think TB is a disease of the past, TB is a major public health concern around the world and within California today. More than 2,000 people are diagnosed with TB disease each year in California, and although TB is both treatable and preventable, 10% of those diagnosed with TB disease in California die. It is the biggest infectious disease killer in the world.

In California, it is estimated that more than 2 million people (6% of the population) are infected with TB. When left untreated, TB infection can progress to TB disease. 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. Light a landmark in your town in red, a museum, a gallery, a library, a hotel, a courthouse, a statehouse. Take photos of your lit landmark and share photos of these locations lit 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** to End TB, World TB Day 2018 and 2019, Union Station, Los Angeles