

# TB PREVENTION AND CARE UPDATES

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#### **OUR MISSION:**

To promote, protect, and improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers.

#### **OUR VISION:**

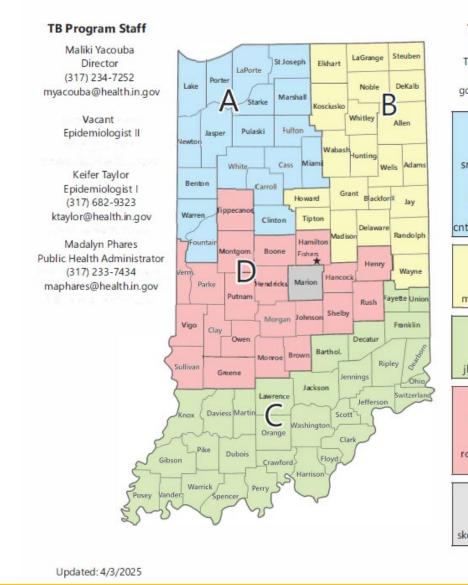
Every Hoosier reaches optimal health regardless of where they live, learn, work, or play.



# Staffing updates

Several changes in the past few months:

- New TB program director
- New TB program manager
- Epidemiologist recently resigned, searching for replacement
- A full-time health education position is not guaranteed





# Funding

- 2025 CDC Co-Ag funding amount is lower than expected
- Consequence:
  - Less funding to hire a full-time health educator
  - Less funding to provide incentives to patients with TB
  - No funding to support World TB day celebrations
  - No funding to provide direct support to LHDs



## Medication

#### LTBI: Priftin shortage

- Patients currently on Priftin will continue to get refills
- For new patients, please continue to use non-Priftin regimens until Priftin inventory becomes stable again

#### **Compounding**

- Purdue Pharmacy not able to compound TB medications presently
- Helpful to identify local compounding pharmacies in your jurisdiction
- IDOH will work to set up contracts with the designated compounding pharmacy to get the medications
- Note that the contract process is long and requires payment in arrears; So, notify your TB RNC as soon as possible to get the medication on time for your patient(s)



### Workflows

#### LTBI:

- Hospital/healthcare providers will now submit LTBI as a morbidity report instead of an investigation
- IDOH will now notify PHNs to review the submitted morbidity reports and open an investigation
- LTBI workflow in NBS will remain similar for PHNs

#### **CLASS B:**

- IDOH opens Class B investigation in NBS and notifies LHD Public Health Nurse (PHN) via email
- EDN documents of the patient will be available to in the Supplemental Information tab of the investigation
- This avoids sending sensitive documents through email



## **Targeted Testing**

- Before 2025, only States with ≥150 TB cases annually were required by the CDC to report on targeted testing
- Starting in 2025, all CDC-funded TB programs are required to report on targeted testing
- Preliminary data on targeted testing activities conducted in 2025 should be submitted to CDC by March 31, 2026, and final data on treatment outcomes by March 31, 2027
- IDOH will be collecting targeted testing data from LHDs beginning Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025



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