



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY: Tuberculosis (TB)

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What you need to know

Between August and December of 2016, three active cases of Molecular Genotype Cluster OH_0020 TB have been identified in Franklin County. Over the past fourteen years, forty-two Franklin County cases of TB have been linked to this genotype. The majority of cases in this cluster are US-born adults and have a history of homelessness, incarceration, and/or excessive alcohol use.

What to watch for

Medical professionals and providers working with this population should "Think TB" when coming into contact with patients who are exhibiting respiratory symptoms that are recurring or unresolved despite treatment. Symptoms include: cough (productive or non-productive), fever, night sweats, weight loss, loss of appetite and shortness of breath.

What you can do

1. Share this information with colleagues and staff
2. Isolate persons being evaluated for TB (airborne infection isolation)
3. Consult with Infectious Disease
4. Obtain a chest X-ray
5. Collect and test sputum X 3
6. Report a suspected or active case of TB to 614-645-1823
7. For more information: www.columbus.gov/tb

Who is at risk

1. Anyone presenting with symptoms and a recent history of:
 - Homelessness
 - Incarceration
 - And/or excessive alcohol use
2. Close contacts to a suspected or confirmed case of TB

To learn more

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) TB Treatment Guidelines:

http://bit.ly/TB_TreatmentGuide

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