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GREETINGS!

During this gift-giving season, the best present we can give to the world is to **#EndTB**, especially in light of the <u>2022</u> <u>WHO Global TB Report</u> showing an increase in <u>both TB deaths and incidence</u>. Consider taking an extra action this month so that we can get back on a faster track toward TB elimination – ideas, resources, and <u>links</u> below!

DC UPDATE

<u>Contact your Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act of 2021!</u>

The Comprehensive TB Elimination Act of 2021 has now been reintroduced in **both the Senate and in the House** of Representatives. This reauthorizing bill is meant to fund domestic TB programs and focus TB elimination and research resources on priority populations in the US. Please read more about the legislature <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>; join the effort to gain cosponsors for the bill by contacting your senators and representatives. A sample script and instructions can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Ask your Members of Congress to cosponsor the End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2022 (S. 3386/H.R. 8654)

This bipartisan <u>legislation</u> encourages domestic agencies to align TB control efforts in the United States with global efforts and actions. The End TB Now Act will prioritize U.S. tuberculosis response to target the diagnosis and treatment of adults and children with TB and to prevent new TB infections in countries with high burdens of TB. TB anywhere is TB everywhere - domestic and international efforts must work collaboratively to **#EndTB**. <u>View the full legislation here</u>, a <u>fact sheet from RESULTS here</u>, and a <u>one-page factsheet here</u>. <u>Learn how on our website!</u> <u>Find an online action option from RESULTS here</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHO: Tuberculosis deaths and disease increase during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stop TB USA will be holding elections for Chair-Elect and Secretary positions. <u>Please submit your nominations via this link</u>. Nominees need not be current Coordinating Board members or Stop TB USA members, and <u>self-nominations</u> are accepted!

Congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey Starke, Stop TB USA Secretary, for receiving the PIDS Distinguished Research Award!

TB Centers of Excellence



Four sites have been selected as <u>TB Centers of Excellence for Training, Education, and Medical Consultation (TB COE)</u> for the project period beginning January 1, 2023:

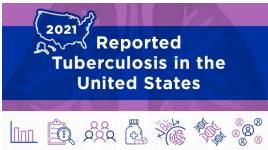
- Southeastern National TB Center (SNTC) in Gainesville, Florida
- Curry International TB Center (CITC) in San Francisco, California
- Global TB Institute (GTBI) in Newark, New Jersey
- <u>Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (MCCT)</u> in Rochester, Minnesota.

The TB COE will support domestic TB control and prevention efforts within their assigned regions with a focus on two major activities: (1) increasing human resource development through education and training activities and (2) increasing the capacity for appropriate medical evaluation and management of persons with TB disease and latent TB infection through medical consultation.

HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- WHO: Global Tuberculosis Report 2022
- TAG: Pipeline Report » 2022: Tuberculosis Diagnostics
- <u>TAG: 1/4/6×24 Campaign</u>
- USAID announces eight-year strategy to end tuberculosis
- Global Fund Board Hails Record-Breaking Seventh Replenishment Final Outcome of US\$15.7 Billion
- <u>2021 Tuberculosis (TB) Surveillance Report Now Available:</u>

Earlier this year, on March 25, 2022, CDC published <u>provisional tuberculosis (TB) data</u> in CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. The full report, <u>Reported Tuberculosis in the United States</u>, <u>2021</u>, is now available exclusively online. The report describes information on TB disease reported to the CDC since 1993, with an emphasis on TB disease cases counted by the reporting jurisdiction in 2021 and the ongoing effects of the <u>COVID-19</u> pandemic on TB disease surveillance.



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TB IN THE NEWS

- Economist: TB is surging again—can lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic help?
- NYT: U.K. Pledges \$1.2 Billion to Fight Diseases in Poor Countries
- Global tuberculosis cases increase for the first time in 20 years
- Rise in TB cases requires stronger U.S. response | READER COMMENTARY
- Tuberculosis control: getting back on track in the era of COVID-19
- WHO Report: Years of Progress in Global Tuberculosis Upset by COVID-19 Pandemic

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TB RESOURCES

- Hello Kitty Quiz
- Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pregnant and Peripartum People: A Field Guide
- Storytelling to Support TB Preventive Treatment (TPT)

Find more TB resources on our website page 'TB Resources'!

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- What's New in Childhood Tuberculosis?
- Cost effectiveness analysis of single and sequential testing strategies for tuberculosis infection in adults living with HIV in the United States
- Disseminated Tuberculosis Post COVID-19 Infection: A Case Report
- <u>Lifesaving, cost-saving: Innovative simplified regimens for drug-resistant tuberculosis</u>
- <u>"Safety and Effectiveness Outcomes From a 14-Country Cohort of Patients With Multi-Drug Resistant</u> Tuberculosis Treated Concomitantly With Bedaquiline, Delamanid, and Other Second-Line Drugs"
- Cost of TB services: approach and summary findings of a multi-country study (Value TB)

Discover many more peer-reviewed articles on our website page 'Peer-Reviewed Publications'!

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

- Newcomer health: refugee, immigrant and migrant communities face multiple systems barriers that negatively affect health
- Introduction to Public Health Practice
- Union Courses
- The International Course on the Interpretation of Chest X-Rays for the Diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis
- International Course on the Programmatic and Clinical Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Ukrainian

EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

- February 22nd-25th, 2023 27th Annual Conference of the Union-North America Region
 - o February 23rd, 2023 Stop TB USA Annual Membership Meeting stay tuned for details!
- <u>June 12th-15th, 2023 National TB Conference</u>

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