



# TBWIRE

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## GREETINGS!

What an amazing month April is! We start with [National Public Health Week](#) (April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>), with a special focus day, culminating in “Accessibility & Food and Nutrition” for the weekend. Who knows better about the importance of language accessibility and proper nutrition than the TB community?! April then closes with [World Immunization Week](#) (April 24-30). A new, effective vaccine is necessary if we are to **#EndTB!** So, get in touch with your elected officials to encourage them to bolster our TB infrastructure or get in touch with us ([leadership@stoptbusa.org](mailto:leadership@stoptbusa.org)) to build some skills!

## DC UPDATE

**Make Appropriations Requests to Reps. & Senators Now.** Every member of Congress can and should shape spending priorities on behalf of constituents. Historically, your work on appropriations requests and sign-on letters has increased funding for effective development programs by hundreds of millions of dollars, and domestic TB funding by \$2 million. Now is the time to ask your Reps. and Senators to include **#EndTB** priorities in their submissions to the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee (SFOPS) and the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education Subcommittee (LHHS) of Appropriations. These requests are time sensitive, so submit your requests now. Here are some helpful tips:

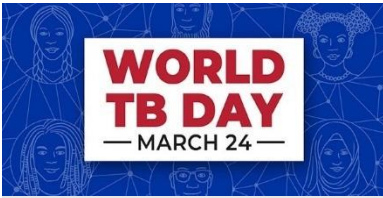
- Sample letter to the Foreign Policy aide in RESULTS' [February Action Sheet](#). (You can use it as a template for writing the Foreign Policy aide as a member of Stop TB USA; if writing to the health aide, the Chair of LHHS Subcommittee is Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL), the Ranking member is Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT), and the appropriations request is \$225 million for CDC's domestic TB activities.)
- Link to the [bilateral TB appropriations request](#) and the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, & Malaria request](#) (you can send these to the offices of your Members of Congress).
- Note: Senate SFOPS has set a deadline of April 14 to hear from other Senators, which means your Senators will set much earlier deadlines to hear from you as a constituent spending priorities. House SFOPS has not yet set a deadline to hear from other Reps, but their deadline is typically earlier than the Senate's, so we want to act now!

**The End TB Now Act has been reintroduced** in the Senate with the new bill number S.288!! Please ask your Senators to co-sponsor this important bill that came soooooo close to passing (with lots of bipartisan support) last year! Special thanks to Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) for being the lead sponsors!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CDC observes World TB Day

CDC recognized [World TB Day](#) on March 24 through a number of activities. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) highlighting the [preliminary TB data from 2022](#) as well as innovative approaches CDC and partners are implementing to address inequities among people at risk for TB. Visit CDC's [World TB Day](#) website to view [resources](#) and [World TB Day events](#).



## **CDC Honors U.S. TB Elimination Champions**

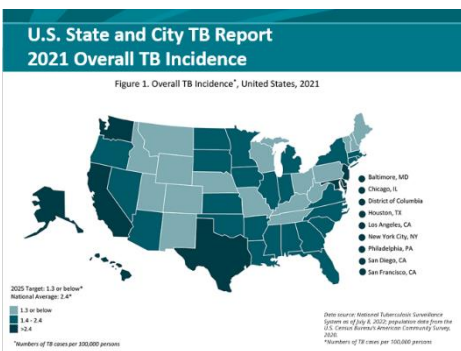
This World TB Day, CDC acknowledged the outstanding efforts of individuals, organizations, public health departments, and healthcare facilities in the service of our collective mission to prevent and control TB in the United States. CDC honored 19 [CDC U.S. TB Elimination Champions](#) for their dedication to ending TB in their communities. Visit CDC's [World TB Day](#) website to learn more.



## **HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES**

- [365 Days of War: Ukrainian HIV/TB Response Stands Strong!](#)
- [Global Fund Announces Additional Emergency Funding in Ukraine After One Year of War](#)
- [General Assembly Adopts Resolutions Deciding Format, Focus of Upcoming High-level Meetings in September on Pandemic Prevention and Response, Fighting Tuberculosis](#)
- [Temperature-Stable TB Vaccine Safe, Prompts Immune Response in NIH-Supported Study](#)
- [Breakthrough For Tuberculosis—One Of The World’s Biggest Killers—As New Vaccine Shows Promise In Early Trials](#)
- [Global Fund, USAID and Stop TB Partnership's New Collaboration With Molbio Diagnostics Will Increase Access to Rapid Molecular Tests for TB](#)
- [Recommendations for Use of Video Directly Observed Therapy During Tuberculosis Treatment – United States, 2023](#)
- [Tuberculosis – United States, 2022](#)
- [Tuberculosis Outbreak in a State Prison System – Washington, 2021–2022](#)

## **2021 CDC State and City Tuberculosis Report**



The 2021 State and City Tuberculosis Report is now available [online](#). This report provides key process and outcomes measures for TB control programs in the United States and is used to monitor progress towards TB elimination at the state and local level.

Visit the [2021 State and City TB Report](#) to learn more.

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## **TB IN THE NEWS**

- [Fast-tracking progress to End TB: high-level opportunities for investment and action](#)
- [Calibr and Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute announce licensing agreement for novel candidate tuberculosis treatment compound](#)
- [100 Years Of Tuberculosis Vaccine And Yet The Killer Is Still Among Us](#)
- [Frozen cells reveal a clue for a vaccine to block the deadly TB bug](#)
- [Opinion: Engaging the private sector is vital to ending TB](#)
- [Tuberculosis outbreak declared in Pond Inlet, Nunavut](#)
- [Why Tuberculosis Bacilli Love the Climate Crisis](#)
- [Denver Health conducting tuberculosis investigation at George Washington High School](#)
- [Ars Longa, Vita Brevis](#)

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## **TB RESOURCES**

### **Updated Think. Test. Treat TB Campaign Resources for Healthcare Providers**



CDC is expanding its [Think. Test. Treat TB](#) activities to raise awareness of latent TB infection testing and treatment among healthcare providers. The [Think. Test. Treat TB website](#) has a [new page](#) especially for healthcare providers, and new digital resources to help share the *Think. Test. Treat TB* message. Users can also access free [resources](#) in multiple languages, including [TB messages](#), [digital and print resources](#), [social media content](#), [patient and provider education materials](#), and a [partner toolkit](#).

### **CDC Releases Recommendations for the Use of Video Directly Observed Therapy (vDOT)**

On March 23, 2023, CDC released [Recommendations for Use of Video Directly Observed Therapy During Tuberculosis Treatment – United States, 2023](#) in *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. CDC recommends Video Directly Observed Therapy (vDOT) as an equivalent alternative to in-person DOT for people undergoing treatment for diagnosed TB.

CDC has [supplementary information](#) that addresses additional considerations, concerns, and limitations of vDOT.



## [Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test Video](#)

## [A Campaign to Rally Energy, Funding, and Political Will to End TB](#)

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## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- [Safety and immunogenicity of a thermostable ID93 + GLA-SE tuberculosis vaccine candidate in healthy adults](#)
- [Treatment Strategy for Rifampin-Susceptible Tuberculosis](#)
- [Active case-finding of pulmonary TB in an urban emergency department](#)
- [Adaptation and implementation of WHO’s multisectoral accountability framework to end TB \(MAF-TB\): best practices](#)
- [Cost to perform door-to-door universal sputum screening for TB in a high-burden community](#)
- [Factors associated with non-completion of TB preventive treatment in Brazil](#)
- [National surveys of costs faced by tuberculosis patients and their households 2015-2021](#)
- [Perceived stigma related to TB preventive therapy](#)
- [Comparison of two diagnostic intervention packages for community-based active case finding for tuberculosis: an open-label randomized controlled trial](#)
- [Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Tuberculosis Among People Experiencing Homelessness in the United States: Current Recommendations](#)

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## **COURSES/WORKSHOPS**

- [Customised training with The Union](#)
- [International course on the clinical management of drug-resistant tuberculosis 2023](#)
- [Cours international sur la lutte contre la tuberculose 2023](#)

## **EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES**

- [April 13<sup>th</sup> – TAG webinar: TB vaccine development: The next chapter starts now](#)
- [2023 TB HLM Affected Communities and Civil Society Coordination Hub: Deep dive calls - Register for the upcoming calls April-September 2023](#)
- [June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – National TB Conference](#)

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