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STOP TB PARTNERSHIP

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GREETINGS!

There are lots of opportunities for you to take action from the comfort of your home to help us restore and improve the TB infrastructure here in the US.

First, the American Public Health Association has a [convenient action link](#) to communicate your support for [new public health infrastructure](#) provisions in the Labor-Health-Human Services Appropriations bill.

Second, we are hoping to gain at least 15 co-sponsors in the Senate and 30 in the House for the [Comprehensive TB Elimination Act \(S2586/HR5857\)](#) before World TB Day on March 24th! See the phone number and sample script on our [website here](#), and more information below. Without your help, we won't be able to **#EndTB!**

DC UPDATE

[Call your Senators and Representatives!](#)

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 [here](#) and 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 [website](#).

[2022 Global Fund Replenishment Conference](#)

The United States will be hosting the [2022 Global Fund Replenishment Conference](#) for the first time! Read the Secretary of State's press statement: [United States to Host Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference](#). The Friends of the Global Fight [applauded the Biden Administration](#) and RESULTS released a [statement covering the announcement](#).

Stay tuned for more information, new action alerts, and updates related to this landmark event; if you want to be active, we have a Global Fund Replenishment Work Group! Email us at leadership@stoptbusa.org to sign up and get involved if you would like to be part of generating these updates and action opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Stop TB USA Membership Meeting will take place virtually during the NAR conference on **March 4th, 10:30-11:30AM EST**. This meeting is open to all regardless of NAR registration. Be prepared for great guest speakers! Stay tuned! Meeting link to follow.

Nominations for the [CDC U.S. TB Elimination Champions](#) are now open! We are seeking nominations that reflect the important contributions that individuals, TB survivors, agencies, organizations, and partners have made to eliminate

TB and address health disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nominations are due via email to tbinfo@cdc.gov or by using the hashtag **#TBEliminationChampion** on social media by February 18, 2022. –*CDC DTBE*

Get more involved with Stop TB USA! Email leadership@stoptbusa.org for more details. Internship and Work Group positions available.

World TB Day 2022

CDC has an updated [website](#) for World TB Day 2022. The site includes information on submitting nominations for the [CDC U.S. TB Elimination Champions](#) and adding your [World TB Day Activities](#) on CDC's events timeline. **Nominations are due February 18, 2022.** On a related note, the theme for World TB Day (March 24th, 2022) was announced by the Stop TB Partnership: **“Invest to End TB. Save Lives”**.

HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

[With tuberculosis resurgent after two years of COVID-19-inspired neglect, TB Alliance is awarded USAID funding to develop new treatments](#)

[“Disease Surveillance Among U.S.-Bound Immigrants and Refugees – Electronic Disease Notification System, United States, 2014–2019”](#)

“This report summarizes tuberculosis and other health-related information reported to CDC for refugees, immigrants, and eligible others who arrived in the United States during 2014–2019.” –*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

[“State of inequality: HIV, tuberculosis and malaria”](#)

“This report is the first systematic global analysis of the state of inequality in HIV, TB and malaria. Drawing from two decades of global data about for a range of disease indicators and multiple dimensions of inequality, it aims to facilitate a broad understanding of inequalities in HIV, TB and malaria. The state of inequality analysis assesses the latest situation of inequality (2011–2020), and shows how this compares to the previous decade (2001–2010). For each disease, analyses are contextualized within the current state of knowledge from the broader literature, including information about key and underserved populations. The report examines the implications of the findings, featuring examples of approaches to address unfair and remediable inequalities and opportunities for strengthening inequality monitoring. Additional resources accompany the report, including interactive visuals and data”. –*the World Health Organization*



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TB IN THE NEWS

- [Covid-19’s Devastating Effect on Tuberculosis Care – A Path to Recovery](#)
- [QIAGEN Expands QuantiFERON Portfolio in the Fight Against TB](#)
- [County Investigating Possible TB Exposure At Sycuan Casino](#)
- [Bedaquiline-Resistant Tuberculosis Associated with Rv0678 Mutations](#)
- [Underfunded And Deadly Tuberculosis Needs Its Own Bill Gates](#)

- [Tuberculosis Vaccine Could Assist Future COVID-19 Vaccine Development](#)
- [An Inca trail to the Holy Grail: digital medication adherence support for TB care](#)
- [Inmate at facility in Decatur diagnosed with tuberculosis](#)

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NEW RESOURCES

Mantoux Wall Chart

CDC has updated the [Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test Wall Chart](#). The Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test Wall Chart provides a convenient reference for health care workers who administer and read the TB skin test.

The journey continues... Collective learnings and challenges of communities working on TB stigma, discrimination and human rights

Planning and budgeting tool for TB and drug-resistant TB testing

Tuberculosis Infection in Children and Adolescents: Testing and Treatment

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“In-Person vs Electronic Directly Observed Therapy for Tuberculosis Treatment Adherence” Publication

The CDC Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE), in collaboration with the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Columbia University, are pleased to announce the publication of “In-Person vs Electronic Directly Observed Therapy for Tuberculosis Treatment Adherence” in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Network Open. The study demonstrates that eDOT is noninferior to in-person DOT across multiple modes of statistical analysis. CDC will use the results of this study to help inform future guidelines and recommendations.

- [Tuberculosis in times of COVID-19](#)
- [National TB prevalence surveys in the COVID-19 era](#)
- [Demographic and socio-economic risk factors associated with self-reported TB](#)
- [How much does TB screening cost? A systematic review of economic evaluations](#)
- [Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis in U.S.-bound Immigrants and Refugees](#)
- [Educational counselling of patients with combined TB and diabetes mellitus: a randomised trial](#)
- [Association of TyG Index with CT Features in Patients with Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus](#)
- [Effect of Mixed Infections with Mycobacterium tuberculosis and Nontuberculous Mycobacteria on Diagnosis of Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis: A Retrospective Multicentre Study in China](#)
- [Integrating tuberculosis and noncommunicable diseases care in low- and middle-income countries \(LMICs\): A systematic review](#)

Discover many more peer-reviewed articles on our website page [‘Peer-Reviewed Publications’!](#)

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

The Union: Programmatic and Clinical Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

February 9th, 2022: PEPFAR Watch webinar: Interventions for AIDS/advanced HIV disease including TB and cryptococcal meningitis

EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

[February 17th, 2022: TB Alliance Stakeholders Association Annual Meeting](#)

[February 22nd -25th, 2022: 6th Global Forum on TB Vaccines](#)

[March 2nd-5th, 2022: Annual TB Conference: The Union – NAR](#)

March 4th, 10:30-11:30AM EST: Annual Stop TB USA Membership Meeting – Details to follow!

[May 13th-18th: American Thoracic Society International Conference](#)

[March 18th, 2022: New York City World TB Day](#)

[March 24th: Annual Thomas Q. Garvey Public Health Lecture](#)

[March 24th: UCSF Center for Tuberculosis and Curry International Tuberculosis Center World TB Day Symposium](#)

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