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Tuberculosis Elimination and Control Branch

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The Delaware Tuberculosis Elimination and Control Branch works to prevent and control tuberculosis (TB) in Delaware. Its mission is to end TB in the State of Delaware by detecting, treating, and preventing TB. The Tuberculosis Elimination and Control Branch is made up of the Office of Public Health Nursing (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/chs/nursing.html>), Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/epi/epi.html>), and the Delaware Public Health Laboratory (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/lab/labs.html>).

TB is not a disease of the past. People around the world still get TB. There are medicines that kills TB germs. Taking these medicines can cure people of TB. The Division of Public Health (DPH) offers the medicine and treatment to people who have TB germs.

Reporting Cases of TB

- **TB disease** is a rapidly reportable condition in Delaware. Healthcare personnel must immediately report suspected (i.e., without waiting for laboratory confirmation) and confirmed cases of TB disease to the Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (OIDE). A confirmed case meets the clinical or laboratory case definition (<https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/case-definitions/tuberculosis-2009/>).

Cases can be reported by phone (302-744-4990, [normal business hours](#); 1-888-295-5156, [outside of normal business hours](#)), fax (302-622-4149), or email (reportdisease@delaware.gov). Information about what to report is available here (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/rptdisease.html>).

- **TB infection, also known as latent TB**, is not a reportable disease in Delaware. However, OIDE encourages reporting to it cases that meet the current case definition (<https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/case-definitions/latent-tb-infection-2018/>). (<http://delaware.gov>)

Clinical Services

Each county in Delaware has a TB clinic. The TB clinics are located in State Service Centers. DPH nurses and physician consultants work at the clinics. They test and treat people for tuberculosis. This includes performing interferon-gamma release assays and tuberculin skin tests. It also includes prescribing and distributing medicine that kills TB germs. The clinics do not do pre-employment tests, tests for school, or other administratively-required tests.

County	State Service Center	Address	Phone Number
New Castle	Floyd I. Hudson (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/main/maps/dsscmap/ HUDSON.htm)	501 Ogletown Road, Newark, DE 19711	302-283-7542
Kent	James W. Williams (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/main/maps/dsscmap/ WILLIAMS.htm)	805 River Road, Dover, DE 19901	302-857-5130
Sussex	Thurman Adams (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/main/maps/dsscmap/ GTOWN.htm)	544 South Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947	302-515-3200

General Referrals

The clinics operate only by referrals from health care providers. Healthcare providers should complete the Tuberculosis Referral Form to refer people to a TB clinic. The form is available **here**. (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/DPH-TB-Referral-Form_Final_.pdf) Steps to submit the referral are included on page 1 of the form.

Refugee Health Screenings

People from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, or Venezuela who moved to Delaware through the *Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans* (<https://www.uscis.gov/CHNV>) AND people from Ukraine who moved to Delaware through the *Uniting for Ukraine* (<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>) process can get a medical screening for tuberculosis at a TB clinic. The medical screening for tuberculosis is free at the TB clinics. Screening for tuberculosis must occur within 90 days of arrival to the United States. Call any TB clinic in the table to schedule an appointment. Share with the clinic your name, date of birth, contact information, and the day you arrived in the United States. The clinic will then schedule your appointment.

Moun ki soti Cuba, Ayiti, Nicaragua, ou Venezuela ki ap deplase vini Delaware nan kad *Pwosesis pou Kiben, Ayisyen, Nikaragweyen, ak Venezyelyen* (<https://www.uscis.gov/ht/CHNV>) epi moun ki soti Ikrèn kap vini Delaware nan kad *pwosesis Inyon pou Ikrèn* (<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>) ap gen yon tès depistaj pou tibèkiloz pou yo fè nan yon klinik tibèkiloz. Tès depistaj tibèkiloz la ap gratis ti cheri nan klinik tibèkiloz yo. Tès depistaj tibèkiloz dwe fèt nan 90, koumanse depi moun lan rive Etazini. Rele nenpòt klinik ki nan list la pou fè yon randevou. Bay klinik la non ou, dat ou fèt, enfòmasyon kontak ou ak jou ou te rive Etazini. Epi klinik la ap ba ou yon randevou.

Las personas provenientes de Cuba, Haití, Nicaragua o Venezuela que se hayan mudado a Delaware a través de los *Procesos para Cubanos, Haitianos, Nicaragüenses y Venezolanos* (<https://www.uscis.gov/CHNV>) Y las personas provenientes de Ucrania que se mudaron a Delaware a través del proceso *Uniting for Ukraine (Unidos por Ucrania)* (<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>) pueden someterse a un examen médico de tuberculosis en una clínica de tuberculosis. El examen médico de tuberculosis es gratuito en las clínicas de tuberculosis. El examen de tuberculosis debe realizarse dentro de los 90 días posteriores a la llegada a los Estados Unidos. Llame a cualquier clínica de TB en la tabla para programar una cita. Comparta con la clínica su nombre, fecha de nacimiento, información de contacto y el día en que llegó a los Estados Unidos. La clínica programará su cita.

Люди з Куби, Гаїті, Нікарагуа чи Венесуели, які переїхали до Делаверу за програмою «Процедури для кубинців, гаїтян, нікарагуанців і венесуельців» (<https://www.uscis.gov/CHNV>) («Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans») ТА люди з України, які переїхали до Делаверу за програмою «Єднаймося заради України» (<https://www.uscis.gov/uk/ukraine>) («Uniting for Ukraine») можуть пройти медичне обстеження на туберкульоз у протитуберкульозному диспансері. У всіх протитуберкульозних диспансерах медичне обстеження проводиться безкоштовно.

Медичне обстеження на туберкульоз слід провести протягом 90 днів після прибуття до Сполучених Штатів. Зателефонуйте в будь-який протитуберкульозний диспансер, зазначений в таблиці, щоб записатися на прийом. Повідомте співробітнику клініки своє ім'я, дату народження, контактну інформацію та день прибуття до Сполучених Штатів Америки. Після цього співробітник клініки призначить вам прийом. (<http://delaware.gov>)



Contact Information

Contact a TB clinic with questions about clinical services for TB infection or TB disease (e.g., appointments, medical records). See the table above for TB clinic contact information. Other questions can be directed to the Tuberculosis Elimination and Control Branch. You can reach the Tuberculosis Elimination and Control Branch at tuberculosis@delaware.gov or by calling 302-744-4990 during normal business hours.

Resources for the Public

- What is TB? (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/basics/default.htm>)
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs) English (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/FAQ-2022_English.pdf) - Español (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/FAQ-2022_Spanish.pdf) - Haitian Creole (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/FAQ-2022_Haitian-Creole.pdf) - Ukrainian (https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/FAQ-2022_Ukrainian.pdf)
- Factsheets (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/default.htm>)
- Questions and answers about TB (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/faqs/default.htm>)

Resources for Health Care Providers

Medical Consultation

- Global TB Institute medical consultation (free) (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fglobaltb.njms.rutgers.edu%2Ftb_consultation%2Findex.php&data=05%7C01%7CAbigail.Haycraft%40delaware.gov%7Cd7219)

Delaware Health Alert Notifications (<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/php/alerts2022.html>)

- DHAN #489: TB Screening Process for People Arriving from Ukraine to Delaware (<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/php/files/HAN489.pdf>); October 12, 2022
- DHAN #471: Reminder on World TB Day 2022 to Continue Considering TB (<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/php/files/HAN471.pdf>); March 24, 2022

TB Education

- Delaware Tuberculosis Symposium
 - 2022 (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fglobaltb.njms.rutgers.edu%2Feducationalmaterials%2Faa%2FDE2022.php&data=05%7C01%7CAbigail.Haycraft%40delaware> transmission and pathogenesis, testing and treating TB infection, epidemiology of TB in Delaware, reporting requirements and referral process)
- Core Curriculum on TB (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Ftb%2Feducation%2Fcorecurr%2Findex.htm&data=05%7C01%7CAbigail.Haycraft%40delaware.gov%7Cd72>)
- Self-study modules (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Ftb%2Feducation%2Fssmodules%2Fdefault.htm&data=05%7C01%7CAbigail.Haycraft%40delaware.gov%7C>)
- TB Centers of Excellence education repository (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsntc.medicine.ufl.edu%2Frtmccproducts.aspx&data=05%7C01%7CAbigail.Haycraft%40delaware.gov%7Cd72192b13b494a9a>)

TB Guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/guidelines/default.htm>)

- Risk assessment (adult (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/tbscreeningtool.pdf>), pediatric (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/pediatrictbscreeningtool.pdf>))
- Cough alert guidelines for shelters (<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/coughalertguidelinesforshelters.pdf>)



- Tuberculin Skin Test (https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/testing/skintestresults_revised.pdf) (<http://delaware.gov>)
- Interferon Gamma-Release Assay (IGRA) Blood Test (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/testing/IGRA.pdf>)
- Diagnosing TB Disease (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/testing/diagnosis.pdf>)
- Treatment of TB Disease (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/treatment/treatmenthivnegative.pdf>)
- Treatment of TB Disease in Patients Co-infected with HIV (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/treatment/treatmenthivpositive.pdf>)
- Infection Control in Health Care Settings (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/prevention/ichcs.pdf>)

Data and Reports

The tables below show the incidence of TB disease and the number of cases of TB disease in Delaware for 2012 through 2022. The 2025 national target for the incidence of TB disease is 1.3 cases per 100,000 people. Data for 2023 will be available in March 2024.

TB Disease Incidence Rate^{1, 2}, 2012-2022

Year	United States	Delaware, statewide	Kent County	New Castle County	Sussex County
2022	2.5	1.3	2.2	1.0	1.2
2021	2.4	4.1 ³	8.1 ³	4.5 ³	0.0
2020	2.2	1.7	2.2	1.4	2.1
2019	2.7	2.0	4.4	0.4	3.8
2018	2.7	2.2	3.4	1.6	2.6
2017	2.8	1.6	2.8	1.3	1.3
2016	2.9	1.7	0.6	2.3	0.9
2015	3.0	2.2	1.2	3.1	0.9
2014	2.9	2.3	1.7	2.4	2.4
2013	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	1.9
2012	3.0	3.1	0.0	3.7	3.9

TB Disease Case Counts by County, 2012-2022

Year	Delaware, statewide	Kent County	New Castle County	Sussex County
2022	13	4	6	3
2021	41 ³	15 ³	26 ³	0
2020	17	4	8	5
2019	19	8	2	9
2018	21	6	9	6
2017	15	5	7	3
2016	16	1	13	2
2015	21	2	17	2
2014	21	3	13	5
2013	18	5	9	4
2012	28	0	20	8

¹ Incidence rates should be interpreted with caution when the number of cases is low. Incidence rates calculated from small numbers can vary year to year and may not represent the true burden of disease. County-specific incidence rates of TB disease in Delaware can be unstable. The statewide incidence of TB disease in Delaware is more stable.

2 Incidence rates are the number of confirmed cases of TB disease divided by the population during that year, multiplied by 100,000. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division were used for population counts (population counts 2010-2019: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties in Delaware: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (CO-EST2019-ANNRES-10); population counts 2020-2022: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties in Delaware: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 (CO-EST2021-POP-10); population counts from 2021 were used to calculate incidence rates for 2022). (http://delaware.gov)

3 Incidence and cases of TB disease in Delaware increased from 2020 to 2021. The increase was attributed mainly to an outbreak of TB disease linked to contaminated bone graft product used in spinal surgery (more information is available here (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7036a4.htm>)).

Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology
24/7 Emergency Contact Number: 1-888-295-5156

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