

New York City Department of Health Clinics

Bronx and Staten Island

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Fort Greene Chest Center 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension
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Chelsea Chest Center 303 Ninth Avenue
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My Chest Center

Phone:

Directions:

Hours:

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New York City Department of Health
Tuberculosis Control Program

STOP
TB

Monthly Check-ups Are Important

You must come to the clinic to:

- ✓ Get the next month's supply of medicine
- ✓ Make sure you are not having any side effects
- ✓ Ask any questions you have

Anyone Can Get TB

What is TB?

TB (tuberculosis) is a serious disease that hurts the lungs. However, TB can be prevented with treatment. TB can also be cured.

How Are TB Germs Spread?

TB germs are spread through the air. If you spend a long time with someone who is sick with TB, you may breathe in TB germs. This happens when the person coughs, sneezes, speaks, or laughs. If you breathe in TB germs, you may have TB.

There Are Two Kinds of TB:

Latent TB. Most of the time your body protects you from TB germs. It builds a wall around the germs and stops them from hurting your lungs. This makes the germs go to sleep. Sleeping TB germs are called “latent TB.” If you have latent TB, you won’t feel sick. You can not spread TB to other people.

Active TB. Sometimes TB germs wake up and your body can not protect you. When this happens, you have active TB. If you have active TB you are likely to feel sick. You can spread TB to other people.

How Do I Know if I Have Latent TB?

If you live in an area where there is a lot of active TB, you may breathe in TB germs and get latent TB.

Areas Where there is a lot of Active TB:

- ✓ Latin America
- ✓ Caribbean
- ✓ Asia
- ✓ Eastern Europe
- ✓ Africa

If you live or used to live in one of these places, you may have latent TB.

Is There a Test for Latent TB?

Yes. There is a simple TB skin test. If the test is “negative,” you most likely do not have latent TB. If the test is “positive,” you have TB germs

Should I Get the TB Skin Test?

Probably. You are at high risk for latent TB if:

- ✓ You have spent a long time with someone who has active TB
- ✓ You have come to the U.S. recently from Latin America, Caribbean, Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa or another area with a lot of TB
- ✓ You have worked or stayed in a nursing home, homeless shelter, prison, or other group setting

Other People Who Need a TB Skin Test are Those Who Have:

- ✓ Symptoms of active TB
- ✓ Certain illnesses such as diabetes or chronic kidney failure
- ✓ HIV/AIDS

What if I Had the BCG Vaccine?

BCG vaccine does not usually protect people against TB. You may still get latent TB or active TB. Even if you have had BCG, you will need a TB skin test

TB Can Be Prevented

Do I Need Treatment for Latent TB?

Yes. When you have latent TB, the germs are sleeping in your body. You do not feel sick. If the TB germs wake up, you will have active TB. You can become very sick. Medicine for latent TB kills the germs before they wake up and make you sick.

What is the Treatment for Latent TB?

There are many medicines for latent TB. Your doctor will decide which one is the best for you. Treatment lasts from 2 months to 9 months. It is important that you finish the treatment.

Can I Spend Time with Family and Friends if I Have Latent TB?

Yes. If you have latent TB, you can not spread TB to other people. You can work and go to school. You can not spread TB to your children, family, or friends.

Can the Department of Health Help Me With TB?

Yes. We have 10 clinics that provide many TB services.

At our clinics, you do not need health insurance. All services are free. You do not need to worry about immigration. No one will ask about your status