

Treatment:

Center around the treatment of tuberculosis (TB) disease. Patients diagnosed with or suspected of having TB are evaluated by our medical staff; the patient receives treatment (medication) and is closely monitored to ensure that treatment is effective.

Direct Observed Therapy:

Medical eligible staff monitors and ensures patient compliance with the prescribed treatment plans through face-to-face contact with the patient.

Contact Investigation:

People who have been in contact with someone known or suspected to have TB are evaluated by a Communicable Disease Specialist. Contacts are provided tuberculin skin tests or Quantiferon test; and if indicated, chest X-Rays are done and preventative treatment may be started.

Testing for Homeless Residents:

The Department of Community Health (DHC) Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program shall provide mechanisms to monitor for TB disease within the homeless (**should be changed to un-homed**) populations. DCH will assist all persons seeking shelter at the Fresno Rescue Mission or other designated facility in obtaining a valid TB Clearance Card required for the client to be admitted to the facility.