

Changes in Reporting Requirements for Latent TB Infection (LTBI)

Effective 8-2-2011, the South Dakota Department of Health will only require reporting of patients with latent TB infection who have at least one of the following TB risk factors:

REPORTABLE TB RISK FACTORS

- ✦ Foreign-born persons who entered the US within last 5 years
- ✦ Persons evaluated for tumor necrosis factor-alpha therapy
- ✦ Immunosuppressive therapies (i.e. high dose or long term steroids)
- ✦ Radiographic evidence of prior TB
- ✦ Patients less than 5 years of age
- ✦ HIV infection
- ✦ Close contact (Defined as confirmed exposure in the last 12 months)
- ✦ Diabetes
- ✦ Renal Dialysis
- ✦ Silicosis
- ✦ Organ transplant
- ✦ Head and neck cancers
- ✦ Leukemia
- ✦ Hodgkin's Disease

Due to this change, **only the above patients will be eligible for Department of Health nurse case management and medication.** Health care providers are asked to report only patients with LTBI who meet this new reporting requirement by mailing or faxing the enclosed form entitled "*Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) Report Form*" to the TB Control Program (reporting instructions are on the form). Patients who do not meet this criteria should be referred to their private health care provider for evaluation and treatment at their own expense.

All patients currently being managed by Department of Health staff will be allowed to finish their prescribed course of treatment regardless of their risk factor status.

For questions regarding the revised reporting requirements or to order the forms, **please call the TB Control Program at 1-800-592-1861 or (605) 773-3737.**

Find the Department of Health Reportable Disease poster and instructions for how and when to report these diseases and conditions at <http://doh.sd.gov/Disease/Report.aspx>.