

# TUBERCULOSIS

*hides in*

PLAIN SIGHT

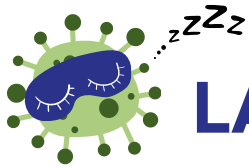
#ThinkTestTreatTB



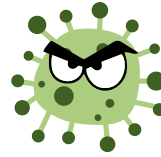
For more information call (442) 265-1415 or visit our website [icphd.org/tb](https://icphd.org/tb).



@icpublichealth



# LATENT ACTIVE



## TB Infection

I am healthy.

I have no symptoms.

My chest x-ray is normal.

I have a positive result on a TB skin test or blood test.

The TB germs are “sleeping” in my body but could “wake up” in the future.

I am not contagious.

## TB Disease

I have a serious illness that could kill me if left untreated.

I may have symptoms — cough, fever, weight loss, night sweats.

My chest x-ray may be abnormal.

I may have a positive result on tests of my phlegm.

The TB germs have “woken up”.

I may be contagious and could infect other people when TB germs are spread through the air when I cough, laugh or speak.

Can my **Latent TB Infection** (sleeping germs) wake up and make me sick with **Active TB Disease**?

**Yes**, and certain factors increase my risk!

- I arrived recently from another country where TB is common.
- I have HIV.
- I was in close contact with someone with active TB disease.
- I have diabetes, kidney failure, or cancer.
- I had surgery to remove part of my stomach.
- I live or work in a hospital, jail, drug rehab center or shelter.
- I use injection drugs.
- I have received an organ transplant.
- I take certain medications that affect my immune system, like prednisone (steroids) or other pills or injections to treat certain types of skin, joint and gastrointestinal conditions.

**If I have Latent TB infection**, can I reduce my chances of getting sick with **Active TB Disease**?

**Yes, I can prevent TB!**

- I can take safe effective medicines.



*This postcard is for educational purposes, with all content owned by its respective owners, not ICPHD.  
published in 2012 by*