

#### **AFFILIATE REPORT**

#### March 2024

### **TB Elimination**

- The Coalition for a TB Free California (CTFC) initiated <u>AB 2132</u> was introduced by Assembly Member Evan Low in February. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Health Committee on 3/19. FYI, CTFC members are sharing with partners and advocates a <u>sign on letter</u> with a deadline of 3/11 5:00 pm and a <u>sample letter</u> of support with a deadline of 3/13 noon, FYI.
- The CDPH CTCA Adult and Pediatric TB Risk Assessments were updated in February.

#### **TB Education**

- Spring TB Controllers Meeting, will be held on March 15 in Oakland from 9:30-1:30. A
  1.5 CME training on Biologics and TB Disease, will follow from 2:00-3:30.
- The next CTCA Conference will be held in May 2025. Planning will start in October.

# **New Workgroups**

- Health Care Personnel TB Screening Step 1: Finalize and share with partner organizations the *Updated Recommendations for TB Screening, Testing and Treatment of Health Care Personnel. Step* 2: Recommend Criteria to CDPH Licensing and Certification for Flexibility Waivers.
- School Entry TB Screening Updated guidance focused on allowing a longer window of time to connect kids to health care providers for TB screening in case treatment is needed, to keep kids in school.

## **Ongoing Workgroups**

- TB Drug Access Challenges and Solutions CTCA and the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) are working to identify and address TB drug access challenges.
- Contact Investigation Guidelines Revision