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The California Board of Registered Nursing is contacting you on behalf of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Please see the message below:

CDPH would like to inform all licensed California nurses about **Assembly Bill 2132**, which Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law on September 29, 2024. This bill requires adult patients receiving primary care services to be offered a **Tuberculosis (TB) test** if risk factors are identified, followed by provision or referral for appropriate follow-up care. Read more about this bill [here](#); it will take effect on January 1, 2025.

Nurses serve a critical role in identifying patients with [risk factors](#) for **latent TB infection (LTBI)** and TB disease, which includes many people born outside the U.S. in countries with higher TB prevalence. Because we do not have an effective vaccine, the most promising tool in the fight against TB is **diagnosing and treating LTBI** among people at risk for TB. Screening and treating for LTBI is recommended by CDPH, CDC, and the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#).

An estimated **2 million Californians** have LTBI; most are unaware of infection and will not receive treatment to prevent illness with TB disease. As a reminder, there was a **substantial increase** in TB in California in 2023. The number of reported TB cases increased by 15% from 2022 to 2023. See this [health advisory](#) from February, 2024 for more information. Despite being **preventable**, TB disease continues to cause significant [suffering and death in California](#).

For additional support with TB patient evaluation, please reach out to your local public health department: [CTCA Directory of TB Control Staff in CA](#).

*To learn more about TB/LTBI, please join the CDPH TB Control Branch for an **optional training** for nurses and other public health professionals on **February 25, 2025 from 12-1:35p PST**. This training will be held virtually via Zoom webinar. To receive **continuing education nursing units**, please pre-register at this link:*

[Latent TB Infection \(LTBI\): Opportunities for Preventing TB](#)

Please note that this training will be similar to the one held in February of 2024. If you participated in the previous training, feel free to join us again for a refresher.



Please see the resources below for more information or contact CDPH TB Control Branch at TBFreeCATraining@cdph.ca.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Flood, MD, MPH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Flood".

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Additional Resources:

1. [CDPH TB Control Branch](#)
2. [TB Free California](#)
3. [CDC Guidelines for Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in Adults and Children](#)
4. [CA TB Risk Assessments](#)
5. [Prevent TB in 4 Steps: A Guide for Medical Providers](#)
6. [LTBI Counseling - Adult](#) & [LTBI Counseling - Pediatric](#)
7. [NTCA Guide for Testing and Treatment of LTBI in the U.S.](#)