

2 MILLION CALIFORNIANS
HAVE LATENT TUBERCULOSIS (TB)
INFECTION AND MAY NOT KNOW IT!



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ABOUT LATENT TB INFECTION...

WHAT IS LATENT TB INFECTION?

Latent tuberculosis (TB) infection is caused by TB bacteria.

People can get latent TB infection when they breathe in TB bacteria in the air; TB bacteria are in the air after someone with TB disease coughs, sneezes, or talks.

CAN IT SPREAD TO OTHERS?

Latent TB infection cannot spread to others, but if it's not treated with medication, it can develop into TB disease, a serious condition.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE IT?

Latent TB infection is "hidden" and does not show any symptoms.

You can only know your status by getting a TB test.

WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

IF YOU WERE BORN, OR TRAVELED \geq 1 MONTH, IN A COUNTRY WHERE TB IS COMMON

This includes anywhere in Africa, Asia, Mexico, Central or South America, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe.

IF YOU HAVE LIVED WITH OR SPENT TIME WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD TB

Latent TB infection can stay in the body for months or years before it starts showing any symptoms.

IF YOU HAVE WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM DUE TO HEALTH CONDITIONS OR CERTAIN MEDICATIONS

If your immune system is weakened, it may not be strong enough to fight off the TB bacteria.

IF YOU HAVE LATENT TB INFECTION, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET TREATED.

SPEAK TO YOUR DOCTOR TO LEARN MORE!

