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**TO:** FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS  
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**FROM:** California Department of Health Services  
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**SUBJECT:** Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in California Long-Term Health  
Care Facilities

Enclosed are guidelines for the *Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in California Long-Term Health Care Facilities*. These were developed jointly by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) (Licensing and Certification Program and Tuberculosis Control and Infectious Diseases Branches of the Division of Communicable Disease Control) and the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA). These guidelines were intended to be advisory, supplementing the existing regulatory requirements of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, and of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA). These guidelines replace *Guidelines for Screening Employees and Residents of Skilled Nursing Facilities* issued in April 2002.

Questions related to long-term care tuberculosis screening programs should be directed to Chris Cahill M.S., R.N. ([ccahill@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:ccahill@dhs.ca.gov)), at (760) 324 3645 or (415) 710 6489. or Jon Rosenberg, M.D. ([jrosenbe@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:jrosenbe@dhs.ca.gov)), at (510) 620-3427. Written comments about the information contained in these recommendations should be addressed to Dr. Rosenberg, California Department of Health Services, Division of Communicable Disease Control, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Richmond, CA 94804. Questions related to the medical management of tuberculosis infection or disease should be referred to the tuberculosis controller at the local county health department.

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