
Section 2: **Surveillance and Screening**

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Subject: **Enhanced TB Surveillance –
LTBI and TST Results**

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1 POLICY

- 1.2 The FNIHB-Ontario Region Tuberculosis Program analyses TB data to inform decisions regarding TB prevention and control. The success of the program is dependent on the accuracy of the data collected and the interpretation of this data.
- 1.3 CHNs are required to report all positive tuberculin skin test (TST) results using the **Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) Report Form** (Appendix C) to the CD nurse.

1. PROCEDURE

- 1.1 The Community Health Nurse (CHN) records all TST results on the Health Canada-First Nations and Inuit Health Branch-Ontario Region-Public Health Unit (HC-FNIHB-OR PHU) **Tuberculin Skin Test Form** (Refer to Appendix D).
- 1.2 The CHN will report and fax the completed **Tuberculin Skin Test Form** for **ALL** TST tests to the First Nations and Inuit Health Information System (FNIHIS) clerk for entry into FNIHIS.
- 1.3 Those communities that do not submit to FNIHIS will have an alternative method of tracking TST results.
- 1.4 When the CHN is informed of a positive TST result in the community, notification will go to the Communicable Disease (CD) nurse by phone. The nurse will document the date and time of this call on the enhanced **Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) Report Form**. (Refer to Appendix C).
- 1.5 The CD nurse will assist the CHN in completing the **LTBI Report Form**.
- 1.6 The CHN will follow up with the CD nurse on any update for each individual with LTBI. This should include the status of offer of prophylaxis, acceptance, completion, and complications of prophylaxis.
- 1.7 Individuals with LTBI must be reported to the respective local public health unit (PHU) by the CHN as soon as possible. For more information on notification requirements, please see Policy 1.2: Reporting of Active TB Cases and LTBI to Local PHUs