

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING** TUBERCULOSIS SURVEILLANCE REPORTS **Updated January 2017**

NEW: The Department of Public Health has revised and combined the forms for reporting Tuberculosis (TB) disease and latent TB infection (formerly, the TB-86 and LTBI forms). The new, combined, two-page form is now called the Tuberculosis Surveillance Report.

## WHAT TO REPORT:

- Tuberculosis (TB) Disease, confirmed or suspected:
  - Please report persons with positive acid fast bacilli (AFB) smears; persons with clinical or radiographic evidence of TB; or persons started on at least two anti-TB medications as well as persons with positive cultures or nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) for Mycobacterium tuberculosis.
- Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI):
  - Please report a (+) tuberculin skin test (TST) or interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) for M. tuberculosis and a chest X-ray that is normal or not consistent with active disease in: a person with HIV co-infection; children ≤5 years old; recent immigrants/refugees; and anyone for whom medication is requested.

Medical consultation for all TB-related diagnosis and treatment questions is available through the DPH TB Control Program.

## **HOW AND WHEN TO REPORT:**

- TB disease: Immediately by fax/telephone on day of recognition or suspicion. The Tuberculosis Surveillance Report Form should be sent to both the local health director where the patient resides and the DPH TB Control Program (ph: 860-509-7722, fax: 860-509-7743)
- LTBI: The Tuberculosis Surveillance Report form should be faxed or mailed to both the local health director where the patient resides and the DPH TB Control Program within 48 hours of diagnosis.

**Both pages** of the report form should be completed in its entirety for **both** TB disease and LTBI patients.

Completed forms may be faxed or mailed (in an envelope marked "Confidential") to:

**DPH Tuberculosis Control Program** 410 Capitol Ave. MS#11TUB P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Fax: (860) 509-7743

All forms are also available on the Department of Public Health website at http://www.ct.gov/dph/forms.

A limited number of forms can be requested by phone at (860) 509-7722.