

Latent Tuberculosis Infection

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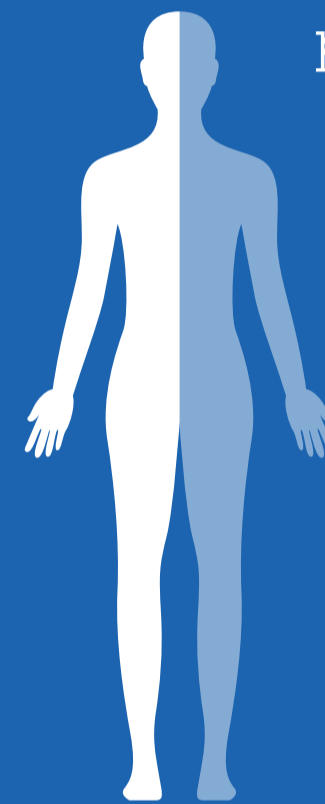
11 MILLION
people in the US¹

Without treatment,
5 to 10% of infected
persons will develop
TB. Among those
5 to 10%,

50%

of people with
latent TB will
develop TB within
first 2 years of
infection onset.²

LATENT TUBERCULOSIS (TB) BY-THE-NUMBERS



People who live or work
somewhere in the United
States where TB disease is
more common (homeless
shelters, prison or jails, or
some nursing homes)

People from a country
where TB disease is common
(most countries in Latin America,
the Caribbean, Africa, Asia,
Eastern Europe, and Russia)

People with HIV
infection or another
medical problem
that weakens the
immune system

People who have
symptoms of TB
disease (fever, night
sweats, cough, and
weight loss)

People who have spent
time with someone who
has TB disease

People who use
illegal drugs

The CDC
recommends
that certain people
should be tested for
TB bacteria because
they are more likely
to get TB disease,
including:³

TB tests are generally not needed
for people with a low risk of
infection with TB bacteria.³

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

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