

# Confidential and Routine Notification of Tuberculosis by Medical Practitioners



Department  
of Health

Tuberculosis requires written notification to the Department of Health upon initial diagnosis within five days to:

**Department of Health, Reply Paid 65937, Melbourne VIC 8060 or fax 1300 651 170.**

Please ensure the case (1) has been informed of their diagnosis, (2) has been advised that this information is being provided to the department (as required by the *Health Records Act 2001*), and (3) has been informed that the department and/or the Victorian Tuberculosis Program may contact them for further information about their illness. Commonwealth and State privacy legislation does not negate the responsibility to notify the specified conditions or to provide the information requested on this form.

## Case details—please answer all questions

**Last name**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**First name(s)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medicare number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex**  
 Male  
 Female  
 Other, specify > \_\_\_\_\_

**Pregnancy status**  
 Pregnant, estimated due date > \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not pregnant  
 Unknown  
 Not applicable

**Residential address**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian/next of kin name and contact number**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**How many people live at the specified residential address**  
 Total number adults and children \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin**  
 No  Aboriginal  
 Unknown  Torres Strait Islander  
 Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

**Country of birth ...country** \_\_\_\_\_ **...year arrived in Australia** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Australia  
 Overseas > \_\_\_\_\_

**If born overseas, is the person currently on a TB Health Undertaking**  
 No  
 Unknown  
 Yes, is currently on a TB Health Undertaking

**Interpreter required**  
 No  
 Yes, language > \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation and/or school and/or childcare attended**  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Clinical summary

**Alive/deceased**  
 Alive  
 Died due to Tuberculosis > \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died due to other/unknown causes > \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of death** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of death (if known)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of onset of illness**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Symptoms**  
 Fever  Cough, specify duration > \_\_\_\_\_  
 Haemoptysis  Weight loss  
 Sputum  Other, specify > \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sweats

**When was the first presentation to a health professional (e.g., GP) for screening or with symptoms of TB (partial date OK)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Has testing for HIV been offered/provided**  
 Yes, positive  No  
 Yes, negative  Unknown  
 Yes, result unknown  Preferred not to test  
 Testing pending

**Is this a new or recurrent case**  
 New case  Relapse following full treatment in Australia  
 Relapse following partial treatment in Australia  
 Relapse following full treatment overseas  
 Relapse following partial treatment overseas

**Does the person have any of the following**  
 Chronic liver disease  
 Mental health—Cognitive impairment  
 Mental health—Psychiatric illness

**Is the person a current in-patient in hospital**  
 No  
 Yes, specify > **Estimated discharge date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hospital URN** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notifying doctor/hospital/laboratory details

**Doctor/hospital/laboratory name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medicare provider no.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Treating unit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Department use only

Please identify the case on every page

Last name

First name

Date of birth

**Risk factors for Tuberculosis (tick all that apply)**

- Household member or close contact with TB
- Ever resided in a correctional facility
- Ever resided in an aged care facility
- Ever employed, volunteered or interned in an institution (correctional facility, aged care facility, homeless shelter)
- Ever employed, volunteered or interned in the Australian health industry (including health laboratories)
- Ever employed, volunteered or interned in health industry overseas (including health laboratories)
- Currently working or in last 12 months worked, volunteered or interned in last 12 months in the Australian health industry (including health laboratories)
- Currently working or in last 12 months worked, volunteered or interned in last 12 months in the health industry overseas (including health laboratories)
- Ever homeless
- Past travel to, or through, or residence in (for at least 3 months cumulative anytime in the case's life) in a high-risk country or countries
- Chest X-ray suggestive of old untreated TB
- Australian-born child (aged less than 15 years) with one or more parents born in a high-risk country
- Immunosuppressive therapy – Monoclonal antibodies
- Immunosuppressive therapy – TNF inhibitors
- Immunosuppressive therapy – Anti-rejection (previous solid organ transplant or haematopoietic stem cell transplant)
- Immunosuppressive therapy – Prednisolone or corticosteroids
- Immunosuppressive therapy – other or unknown
- Immunosuppressive health conditions
- Renal replacement therapy/dialysis or end-stage renal failure
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Silicosis
- Undernutrition
- Intravenous drug use
- Alcohol abuse
- Other substance abuse
- Other
- No risk factors identified
- Not assessed

**Medical summary – testing and site**

Specimen	Specimen date	Tests and results			
Sputum	<input type="text"/>	<b>Microscopy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Culture</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Nucleic acid test/PCR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Bronchial washings	<input type="text"/>	<b>Microscopy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Culture</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Nucleic acid test/PCR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Histology</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Other specimen, specify	<input type="text"/>	<b>Microscopy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Culture</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Nucleic acid test/PCR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Histology</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

Date of chest X-ray / CT	Chest X-ray / CT results	Details of chest X-ray / CT
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal - non-cavitary <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal - cavitary <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="text"/>
Radiology facility name		<input type="text"/>

- Site of disease**
- Pulmonary only
  - Pulmonary plus other site(s), specify other site(s) >
  - Extra-pulmonary only, specify site(s) >
  - Bone joint
  - Genito/urinary
  - Lymph nodes
  - Meningeal
  - Miliary
  - Peritoneal
  - Pleural
  - Other, specify other site(s) >

**Treatment details**

Anti-tuberculosis treatment commencement date	What is the current treatment regimen
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Isoniazid <input type="checkbox"/> Rifampicin <input type="checkbox"/> Pyrazinamide <input type="checkbox"/> Ethambutol <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify > <input type="text"/>

Please advise your patient that a Clinical Nurse Consultant from the Victorian Tuberculosis Program will be contacting them following discharge. Arrangements will then be made for contact screening if required.

For further information please contact the Victorian Tuberculosis Program on (03) 9342 9478.