



What is Tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial disease that usually affects the lungs. Sometimes it attacks other parts of the body, such as the brain, kidneys, spine, or other organs. TB can cause death if not treated.

How is TB spread?

TB germs are released in the air when a person with TB disease coughs, sneezes, or laughs.

What are TB symptoms?

- Cough for three weeks or longer
- Weight loss
- Decreased appetite
- Fever
- Chest pain
- Coughing up blood
- Tire easily

Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic

515 Keller Avenue
Waukegan, IL

Call for an appointment:

(847) 377-8700

Clinic Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

No TB skin tests on Thursdays

Website:

lakecountyil.gov/TB

Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center

3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085
Phone: (847) 377-8000



Tuberculosis Program

*Working to prevent
and control tuberculosis (TB)*



What is the difference between TB Disease and TB Infection?

People with active **TB disease** have TB germs in their body multiplying. They usually have one or more symptoms. They can spread TB to others.

People with **TB infection** do not have symptoms. They have TB germs in their body that are asleep (latent or dormant). They cannot spread TB to others. However, they can develop TB disease if not treated.

Can TB be treated or cured?

Yes! If you have TB, follow your doctor's advice. Get the required follow-up tests. Take your medicine as prescribed. **Don't forget to cover your cough.**

Should I get tested for TB?

Ask for a TB screening if:

- You have had a cough for 3+ weeks.
- You have symptoms of TB.
- You have had close contact with someone who has (or may have) TB.
- You were born in or traveled to a country where TB is common.*
- You have a medical condition such as diabetes, cancer, end-stage renal disease, HIV/AIDS, or use medicine that reduces your ability to fight infection.
- You are 10% below ideal body weight.
- You work in healthcare, or work/live in congregate settings serving high-risk clients.*

**See our website for more information.*



Clinic Services

TB Skin Tests

Skin tests are used to screen for active TB disease and TB infection. Call the clinic to make an appointment. Clients must return within 48-72 hours to have their test read.

If your TB skin test result is positive, a nurse will ask questions to assess your risk for TB disease.

TB Blood Tests

TB blood tests are available for people who:

- Have received BCG vaccination.
- Have a medical condition or use medicine that reduces your ability to fight infection.

Medication and Treatment

Treatment is available for TB disease and TB infection. Clients must return to the TB clinic for their medication refill and health evaluation.

Chest X-Rays

If the TB test is positive, an appointment for a chest x-ray will be scheduled. This helps to see if there is TB disease in the lungs.

If your doctor or employer sends you to the TB Clinic for a chest x-ray, **you must bring a written referral or prescription, including your TB test result.**

Home Visits

TB Clinic staff visit clients at their homes, school, or work to ensure treatment.

Education and Outreach

TB education is available for clients, health care providers, agencies, and the public.

Call (847) 377-8700 or visit lakecountyil.gov/TB to learn more.