

Communicable Diseases and Infection Control Updates

What's New

[Government of Canada's Tuberculosis Response \(2025\): Working towards Tuberculosis Elimination](#)

Tuberculosis (TB) is preventable and curable, yet globally it remains one of the most common infectious diseases. In 2024, TB was the number one cause of infectious disease mortality worldwide. While Canada is a country with low TB incidence - Inuit, First Nations, and Métis communities, as well as people born outside of Canada, continue to be disproportionately impacted by TB.

In September 2023, at the second United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on TB, Canada alongside many global leaders, reaffirmed its' commitments to eliminating tuberculosis around the world. This historic moment signaled the need to refocus efforts both globally and domestically to achieve ambitious TB elimination targets. The Government of Canada's Tuberculosis Response (2025): Working Towards TB Elimination lays the foundation for our ongoing collaborative work with community, provincial and territorial partners and Indigenous rights-holders to work collectively towards our shared goals for TB elimination.

[New video for health professionals: Think TB. Test TB.](#)

View the recently released video which provides health professionals with information on the signs, symptoms and risk factors for TB.

[Free print copies available: Topics include HIV, U=U, infectious and congenital syphilis, sexual health, and more](#)

You can now order print copies of PHAC resources on discussing Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U), HIV awareness, sexual health conversations and many more. There are also resources on infectious and congenital syphilis, where you will find information on prevention, diagnosis and treatment. All of the resources are free to order & some are available in multiple languages, such as English, French, Plains Cree, Inuktitut (South Baffin), Eastern Ojibway, Dogrib (Tlicho), Dene, Inuktitut (North

Baffin), French Michif, Michif Cree, Arabic, Traditional Chinese, Tagalog, Swahili, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, or Punjabi.

Two new HIV resources are now available from the National HIV Surveillance Program

1. [An infographic describing how information from a person's HIV positive test result flows to PHAC.](#)
2. [The report of a global review of current practices in HIV surveillance in other countries with similar HIV surveillance systems.](#)

Both of these resources are now available on the Federal Open Science Repository of Canada.

[Environmental scan of available guidelines for chlamydia and/or gonorrhea screening recommendations for non-pregnant adults/adolescents in developed countries](#)

Check out an environmental scan of national and international chlamydia and gonorrhea screening guidelines which has been published in the CCDR April 2025 Issue. The scan will inform updates to the current PHAC recommendations that will be published soon.

[Recording available: Advancing early TB detection & care: Public health & clinical insights](#)

View the recording of the most recent CDIC webinar. Learn about the latest public health approaches to screening and detecting TB disease and infection at the community-level, and gain a better understanding of the clinical diagnosis, treatment, and management of TB infection. The presenters include Dr. Tiffany Locke, Medical Advisor in the Infection Prevention and Surveillance Division at PHAC, and Dr. Ryan Cooper, Infectious Disease Physician with Alberta Health Services.

What's Coming

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