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Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (MCCT)



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2026 TB Program Management Intensive in Kansas City

The Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis will host a [TB Program Management Intensive](#) on **April 15–16, 2026**, in Kansas City, Kansas, with both in-person and livestream options.

This course is designed for public health professionals, TB program managers, and healthcare workers involved in tuberculosis control who want to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and leadership in TB prevention, case management, and program implementation.

The training brings together TB program managers from across the MCCT area and provides practical skills in epidemiology, contact investigation, legal considerations, data quality, evaluation planning, laboratory networks, and case management. Participants are eligible to earn up to 14.00 ANCC, 14.00 IPCE, or 14.00 attendance credit. [Apply here.](#)

Become a TB Champion!

[TB Champions Network](#)

Join us for the launch of our next TB Champions Network cohort beginning **March 5!** There are still a few spots left. This four-week program is designed for frontline clinicians who want to strengthen their ability to recognize active tuberculosis and manage latent TB infection with confidence. Participants complete short, self-paced learning modules and meet weekly for one-hour virtual sessions focused on real-world case discussions and practical application. No prior TB experience is required. Applications are now open. [Apply here.](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunity

[TB Contact Investigation Interviewing Skills](#)

Join us in Sioux Falls, SD **May 19–20 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CST.** This two-day, in-person training helps public health staff and clinicians build practical, patient-centered interviewing skills that support accurate and effective TB contact investigations. Participants will practice real-world interviewing scenarios, learn strategies for building rapport, and gain tools for gathering complete and reliable information. This course is well suited for both new and experienced professionals involved in TB prevention and response. All applicants must have completed the [TB Contact Investigation Fundamentals course.](#)

Stop by the TB COE Booth!

MCCT will be exhibiting at the [2026 End TB Conference](#) in Philadelphia, **February 26 – March 1**. Come say hello and pick up helpful resources. We hope to see you there!

TB Elimination Alliance Special Edition

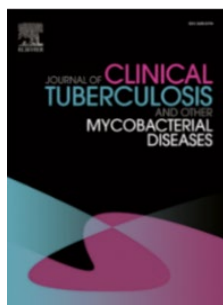
[Community Power in TB Response: Lessons from Kansas](#)

Presented in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis, the TB Elimination Alliance, AAPCHO, and the National Tuberculosis Coalition of America, this session will take place on **March 11 from 4:00–5:30 PM CST** and highlights community-led strategies that strengthened the Kansas TB outbreak response. Healthcare professionals are invited to attend and earn 1.50 continuing education credit.

JCTUBE Spotlight

[Roles and Challenges in Conducting Contact Evaluation for Aircraft Contact Investigations](#)

A national survey of U.S. TB programs found that most jurisdictions (91%) try to evaluate every aircraft contact they receive, but only 70% always return outcome forms to CDC. Programs reported major obstacles, especially difficulty reaching travelers because contact information is often incorrect or outdated (76%). Many jurisdictions also face staffing shortages (51%) and limited resources (36%), which make both evaluations and outcome reporting difficult. States frequently struggle to get information back from local health departments (63%). Although these investigations require significant effort, available evidence indicates that TB transmission on airplanes is rare.



CDC TB Resources Update

The Find [TB Resources \(FTBR\) website](#) and newsletter will **sunset on March 6, 2026**. Take action now to continue to receive up-to-date TB information.

1. Bookmark the [CDC TB General Public Communication and Education resource webpage](#). This is CDC's most up-to-date TB prevention and education content.
2. Subscribe to receive [HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STIs, and TB News and Updates](#). Follow the two-step process to verify your subscription. Subscribers receive timely information, resources, reports, the [Connections newsletter](#), and updates about [AtlasPlus](#).



Iowa HHS to Host Webinar on Latent TB Infection (LTBI)

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services will host a one-hour webinar on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at noon (CST)** to help healthcare professionals strengthen their understanding of LTBI.

[Inactive TB/LTBI Essentials: Working Together on TB Treatment and Management](#) will be presented by TB Nurse Clinicians Rhonda Ruby and Laura Jensen Kimball. The session offers practical guidance on identifying LTBI, completing medication order forms, reviewing side effects, and understanding the full treatment process. Case scenarios and discussion time will help participants apply what they learn.

The webinar provides 1 CEU contact hour and is intended for nurses, clinicians, and public health staff with existing familiarity with TB.

Participants will learn to:

- Identify patients with inactive TB/LTBI
- Complete and submit Iowa's LTBI medication order form
- Recognize common LTBI medication side effects
- Understand treatment from start to finish

[Registration is now open!](#)

Newsletter Content Suggestions

We invite you to be active participants in shaping the content of our newsletter. We will do our best to provide clarity on your TB related questions and include topics and events you would like to showcase. Simply submit your ideas to [TB Times Content Suggestion](#). Each issue we will feature suggested content, making this newsletter a true reflection of your needs.

Vision

To become a regionally, nationally, and internationally recognized Center of Excellence for tuberculosis.

Mission

To contribute, in a meaningful way, to the control, management, and elimination of tuberculosis regionally, nationally, and globally.



Medical Consultation

MCCT provides expert medical consultation to public health and medical professionals in our assigned region. We have colleagues with expertise in public health nursing, pharmacy, laboratory, occupational health, pediatrics, and radiology just to name a few.

Consultations can be requested using one of the following options:

- Submit at [IDCrowd Platform](#)
- Email tbcenter@mayo.edu
- Call 507-284-0275

IDCrowd is the preferred platform for submitting requests used by all TB COEs. If you are using IDCrowd for the first time, choose the option to register for a new membership. Additional information on how to submit a request can be found [here](#).

Mini Fellowships

As part of the TB COE initiatives, MCCT is providing mini-fellowship opportunities for healthcare professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of TB.

Experiences will be curated to meet individual learning needs. Some experiences that may be offered include shadowing healthcare professionals as they interact with patients, observing directly observed therapy (DOT), and participating in TB case reviews.

You can find out more information by emailing tbcenter@mayo.edu. To be considered for a mini fellowship, please submit an [application here](#).

Educational Requests

MCCT is able to support a variety of TB related needs including virtual and in-person training, educational material development, and technical assistance. Please contact us to discuss ways we can support your work in treating and preventing tuberculosis.

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