



Tulare County Tuberculosis Control Program Communication Guide

Referrals: Follow the steps below, to ensure efficient communication and referral to the Tulare County Tuberculosis Control Program is completed.

1. Complete the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR):

- Complete a [CMR](#).
- Ensure the form is completed accurately. Avoid using CMR forms intended for other diseases, as they may lack the necessary information for proper evaluation and could delay the response.

2. Referring a Patient to the TB Program:

- Tests Required:
 - **TB Skin Test or QFT (Preferred):** Ensure that either a TB skin test or a QuantiFERON-TB Gold (QFT) test is completed.
 - **2-View Chest X-Ray (CXR):** Include the results of a two-view chest X-ray for suspected pulmonary TB. If extrapulmonary TB is suspected, send the relevant records for the affected site of the disease.
- Symptom Documentation: If applicable, detail any symptoms in the remarks section of the CMR.
- Progress Notes: While not mandatory, it is helpful to include recent progress notes or any documentation describing TB symptoms.

3. Submitting Referrals:

- Submit the completed CMR with accompanying documents to the TB Program.
- Ensure it is addressed to "ATTN: TB Program/TB Coordinator" and added to the subject line.
- Email to TBControl@tularecounty.ca.gov, ensuring encryption.

Referral Response Times:

Within 1 Business Day:

- Acknowledgment receipt of the referral will be sent to the referring provider
- TB Control Program will attempt to contact the client to conduct an assessment and schedule follow-up testing.

After tests have been collected:

- Preliminary test results will be available within 1-2 weeks and will be forwarded to the referring provider. Final results will be provided in 8-10 weeks.
- If the TB Control program cannot reach a referred client, the referring provider will be notified.

Questions for the TB Program:

To ensure a response to your inquiry, contact the TB Program using the contact information below. Direct calls to individual program staff members may have a delayed response and delay the referral process. Please allow 24-48 Business hours for a response.