



# Practice Briefs

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## **I have heard that I should have a TB Prevention and Control Plan at my facility. What comprises a TB Prevention and Control Plan?**

A TB prevention program comprises testing/screening for TB, a plan to assess the risk within your facility for encountering a person with TB, and how to manage persons with TB within your facility. Follow the guidance in the Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-Care Settings (link is below) to create your Plan (policy). **All new staff/residents should be screened for TB upon hire/admission.** A TB risk assessment for your facility should be completed annually, and will guide your TB program planning. The risk assessment uses county and state TB data from the Department of Health and Human Services, and results of the assessment will identify whether screening needs to take place based on the cumulative data. The prevention and control plan will encompass how you will handle a person with active TB if you should encounter one at your facility.

### **Helpful links:**

You will find the TB risk assessment tool at this link:

[https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/guidelines/appendixb\\_092706.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/guidelines/appendixb_092706.pdf). Accessed July 25, 2017

Statistical data needed for TB risk assessment for Nebraska can be found here:

[http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/cod\\_tuberculosis\\_tbindex.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/cod_tuberculosis_tbindex.aspx). Accessed July 25, 2017

Nebraska Guidance on TB testing, treatment, control and prevention:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/policies.pdf>. Accessed July 25, 2017

Complete guidance on Testing, Control and Prevention of TB can be found in the Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-Care Settings, 2005

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5417a1.htm?s\\_cid=rr5417a1\\_e](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5417a1.htm?s_cid=rr5417a1_e). Accessed July 25, 2017

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