



Practice Briefs

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 and control 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, state and your facility TB data, along with other factors to identify whether annual screening needs to take place at your facility. The prevention and control plan will also encompass how you will handle a person with a suspected 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. Accessed July 25, 2017

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

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Reports/Tuberculosis%20in%20Nebraska%20Annual%20Report%20-%202016.pdf>
Accessed April 18, 2019

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

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Infectious%20Disease%20Documents/TB-Policies.pdf>. Accessed April 18, 2019

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. Accessed July 25, 2017

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