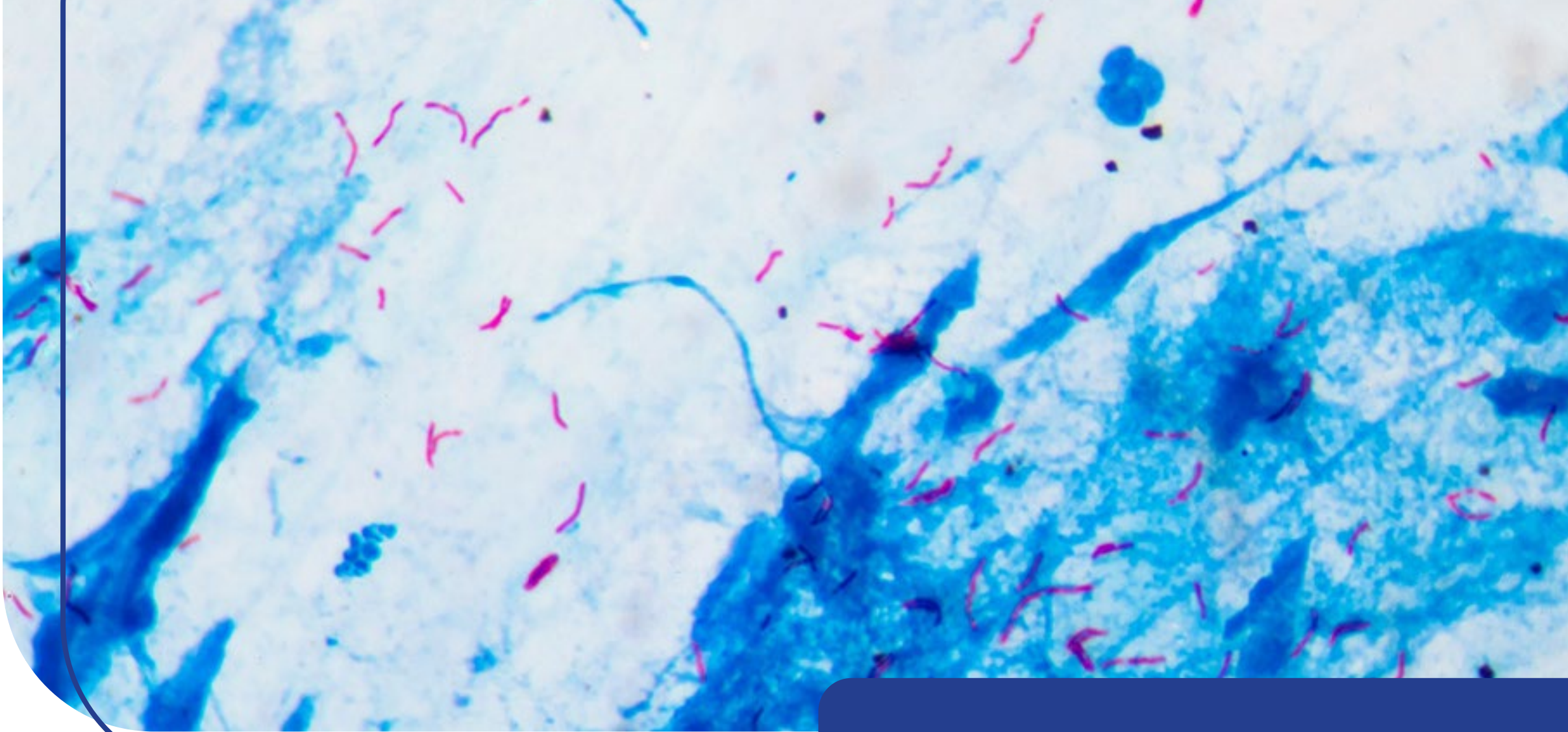# Sponsors/exhibitors

Thank you to the sponsors and exhibitors of this year's event!

Please visit their tables throughout the day.

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Updates

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Rifapentine and Rifampin shortages

- Continue to experience shortages of Rifapentine and Rifampin at the national level
- IDOH utilizes several avenues to secure additional stock:
  - CDC national stockpile
  - Partnership with other state/big city TB programs
- IDOH and Purdue Pharmacy will continue to monitor the situation.

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Uniting For Ukraine and TB screening

- Uniting for Ukraine provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members to come to the United States and stay temporarily in a two-year period of parole.
- Participants are eligible to receive a domestic refugee health assessment and are required to complete vaccine attestations and a tuberculosis (TB) screening.
  - IGRA only (i.e. no TSTs), completed within 90 days of U.S. arrival
- IDOH can link arrivals to a screening clinic and/or provide reimbursement for costs associated with the required screenings.
  - Clinical costs, transportation, interpretation, outreach
  - Utilize specific Hoosier Uplands form

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Additional parolee TB screening

- Similar model to U4U being utilized for parolees from additional countries
  - Venezuela, Nicaragua, Cuba, and Haiti
- Required to have IGRA within 90 days but may not be eligible for complete refugee health screening
- Funding is available through Hoosier Uplands to reimburse costs related to TB screening and outreach for these groups
  - This is a recent change.

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IGRAs

QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus Reminder
- Available at the IDOH Lab
  - Single tube collection available
  - Packaging and shipping materials provided
  - Free to *local health departments* with patient insurance information
    - $20 per test without insurance information

Phlebotomy Training
- IDOH Emergency Preparedness Division planning to provide district/regional-based training via mobile units

Upcoming changes to reporting

- The Indiana Communicable Disease rule will be updated effective **April 1, 2023.**
- TB disease (cases and suspects) and LTBI will remain reportable.
- Reporting timeframe will now be within one working day (both conditions)
- Changes to control measures and online reporting options in process

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RVCT updates

- CDC released an updated Report of Verified Case of TB (RVCT) Form in 2020.
  - Known as TB Investigation in NBS
- NBS update to align with new form rolled out in March
- Recorded webinar and FAQ document are available here: https://www.in.gov/health/tuberculosis/tb-nbs-training-materials/.
- IDOH team is available to help with transition.

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Updated IJN forms

- Revised inter-jurisdictional TB notification (IJN) forms were released in August 2022.

- A companion document that links to the updated forms and walks through how to use them can be found at: https://www.in.gov/health/tuberculosis/information-for-health-professionals/tb-reporting-forms/

- Reach out to Biak Chinpar or Keifer Taylor, IDOH TB epidemiologists, with questions.

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TB disease treatment and management card

- Updates to the IDOH treatment and management of TB disease card are in progress to add the new four-month treatment option that CDC provided interim recommendations for during February 2022.
  - This treatment regimen consists of:
    - Rifapentine
    - Moxifloxacin
    - Isoniazid
    - Pyrazinamide
- Additional information: https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/treatment/tbdisease.htm

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TB and people experiencing homelessness

- On Jan. 27, 2023, *Public Health Reports*, released "Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Tuberculosis Among People Experiencing Homelessness in the United States."

- This document provides a summary of existing guidelines and information in one place to inform medical and public health providers and TB programs on TB incidence, diagnosis, and treatment among persons experiencing homelessness.

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CDC LTBI campaign

- In March 2022, CDC launched a campaign to raise awareness of LTBI called "Think, Test, Treat TB."

- The campaign aims to raise awareness about LTBI, risk, and the link between LTBI and TB disease.

- Free resources are available in multiple languages, including TB messages, digital and print resources, patient and provider education materials, and a partner toolkit.
    - https://www.cdc.gov/thinktesttreattb/index.html

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New mission statement

The mission of the Indiana Tuberculosis Prevention & Care Program is to progress toward elimination of TB by conducting prevention activities through education, outreach, collaboration, and surveillance.

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Website

- IDOH TB Prevention and Care Program continues to make updates to our website (www.TB.IN.gov).
- Upcoming enhancements include:
  - Simplified navigation and improved layout
  - Resources for LHDs – TB and LTBI case management checklists, sample templates
  - LTBI provider toolkit
  - Section linking to translated resources for patients

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Reminders and upcoming events

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Upcoming events

- IDOH Infectious Disease Summit
  - May 9 and 10 https://www.infectiousdiseasesummit.com/
  - Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel
  - 11925 N Meridian St., Carmel, Indiana

- 2023 National TB Conference – Atlanta, Georgia
  - June 12-15
  - https://tbconference.cventevents.com/event/24c11cbc-e894-4ec7-899d-104683647425/summary

- IDOH Public Health Nurse Conference
  - June 28 and 29
  - 502 East Event Center, Carmel, Indiana

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Upcoming events continued

- Global TB Institute at Rutgers (GTBI) TB Intensive Workshops
  - Sessions to be held: May 9-12 & September 19-22
    Newark, NJ
  - Applications will open for the first session soon

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New TB resource

- New online course: Understanding TB Laboratory Testing for Public Health Nurses
  - A new online course is available to educate public health nurses and/or clinicians about tuberculosis (TB) testing.
  - Topics include quality specimen collection, how to detail the TB testing algorithm or workflow performed in laboratories, how to provide a high-level description of the tests performed within the TB testing algorithm, and any special testing that may be warranted.
  - https://www.aphl.org/programs/infectious_disease/tuberculosis/Understanding_TB_Lab_Test_Nurses/story.html
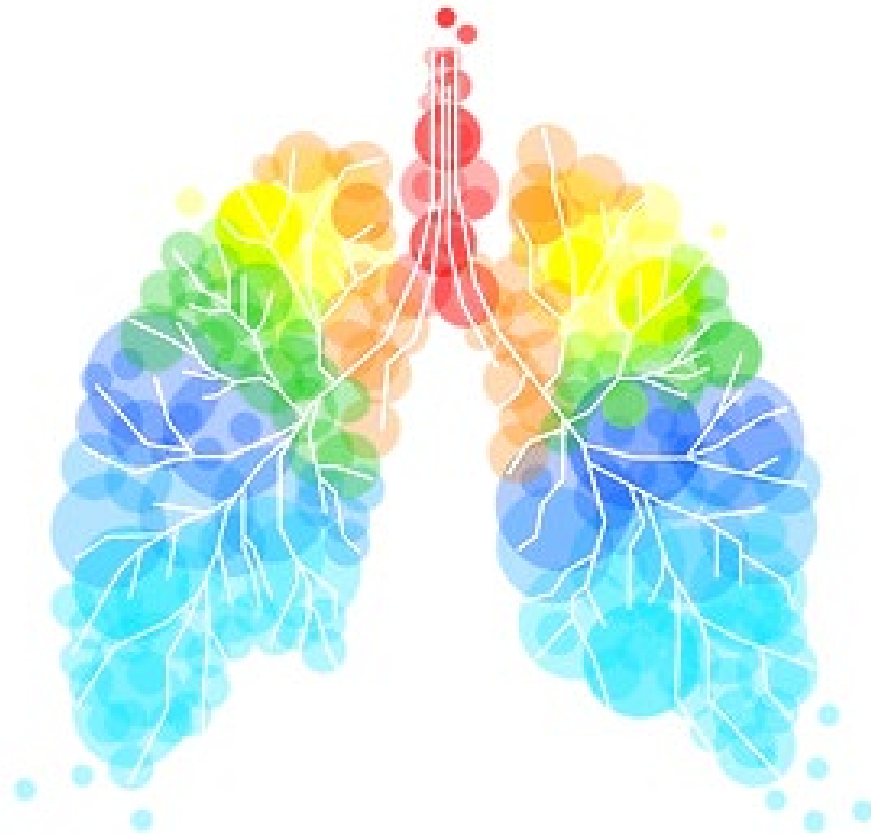
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NTCA award nominations

- The National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) honors individuals and organizations for their dedication and distinguished service in the field of tuberculosis each year.

- Nominations can be submitted by anyone and nominees do not need to be members of NTCA.

- Full descriptions of the awards and the nomination form can be found at this link: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7174374/2023-NTCA-Awards-Nominations.

- Nomination deadline: March 31, 2023

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World TB Day evaluations

- Please complete the post-event evaluation!
  - We appreciate your feedback.
- See QR code on event agenda
- Will also receive a link to the evaluation via an email

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Thank you for attending!

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