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2020 Review, Nurse Excellence Award, and Updates

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Overview

- 2020 in Review
- Excellence in TB Control Award
- Updates

2020 in Review – COVID-19

- Transition of Director to COVID-19 duties
- Fewer TB cases, but:
 - Patients with delayed diagnoses; sicker and more infectious; more deaths
 - Fewer LTBI reports and requests for medications
 - Contact investigations more difficult
 - Increase in patients needing housing, other social needs
- Lots of stress on local health departments and IPs due to COVID-19 response

2020 in Review continued

- Opportunity to focus on large training and education projects
- Directly Observed Therapy-ready packaging for all LHDs from Purdue Pharmacy
- Issues with supply of rifamycins due to FDA nitrosamine contaminant effort
- Large contact investigations in two correctional facilities
- Increase in clusters – emergence of a small MDR cluster and more cases from a 2015 outbreak

Excellence in TB Control Award

- Develops and builds relationships of respect and trust to create an atmosphere conducive to positive patient outcomes
- Exhibits excellent community outreach and education to coordinate TB care
- Displays passion in the field of TB control, dedicating themselves to quality
- Goes above and beyond job duties in providing coordinated care to those affected by TB

Excellence in TB Control Award Winner

Mary Shaffer, BSN, RN

Public Health Nurse

Bartholomew County Health Department



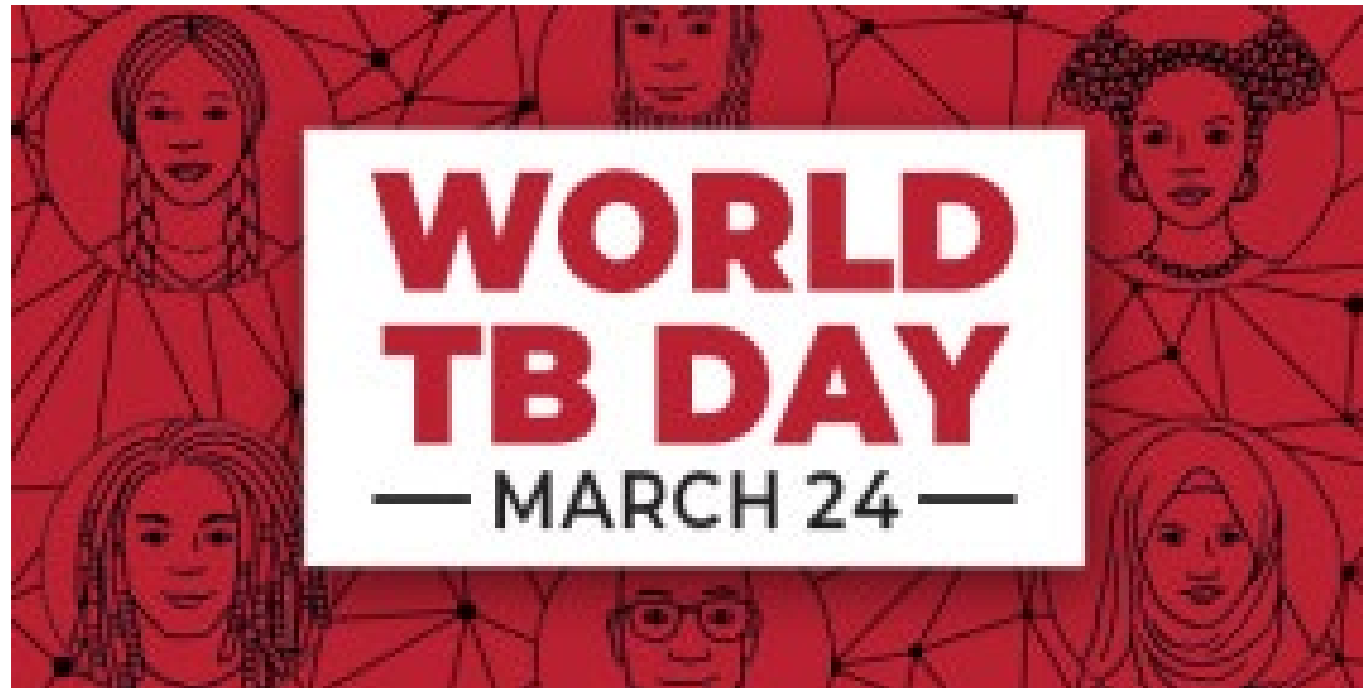
Updates - Upcoming Events

- National TB Controller's Association 2021 Virtual Conference
 - Mid-June through mid-July
 - Wednesday and Friday afternoons
 - More details to come



Updates - Mailing

- World TB Day mailing
 - TB educational and promotional materials were sent to each local health department in early March



Updates – Mailing continued



Updates – New IDOH LTBI Card



**Prevention is the Key
to TB Elimination: Find,
Treat, and Report LTBI**

**Screening for Tuberculosis and
Treatment of Latent TB Infection
(LTBI)**

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Updates – New IDOH LTBI Card continued

- World TB Day mailing continued
 - New Latent TB Infection (LTBI) laminated card included in mailing
 - Contains an updated treatment table matching the revised guidelines released by the CDC in early 2020
 - Source: Guidelines for the Treatment of Latent TB Infection: Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association and CDC, 2020. MMWR Recomm Rep 2020; 69(No. RR-1):1-11.
 - Additional copies of the new card can be requested free of charge through your regional nurse consultant or [Kathy Chapuran](#).

Updates - Lab

QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus Reminder

- Available at the Indiana Department of Health 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

- To date, 757 specimens tested from 6 counties
 - Results averaged 2.9 days

Updates – Lab continued

Contact Jessica Gentry at the IDOH lab with questions:

- jgentry@isdh.in.gov
- 317-921-5858

More information:

https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/CLI_Quantiferon_Single_Tube.pdf

Updates - Purdue University Pharmacy

Information

- Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am– 5:30 pm
- Phone: 765-494-1374 | Fax: 765-496-6094
- Closed on University holidays and Purdue's winter recess

Updates - Purdue University Pharmacy continued

Meet the Team

- Director: Nicole Noel, PharmD, MBA
- Assistant Director of Clinical Services: Trexie Rudd, PharmD
- Pharmacists: Nancy Chapman, RPh and Mary Jo Withered, RPh
- Pharmacy technicians: Cherie Burris, CPhT and Amanda White, CPhT

Updates Purdue University Pharmacy - continued

Shipments

- Once approved, LTBI medications are shipped weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays via USPS
- Please submit all refill requests by **12 pm EST the day prior** to a shipment date
 - Example: the cutoff time for your order to be shipped on Tuesday is Monday at 12 PM EST
- **Initial doses** of active TB medications are shipped overnight via FedEx Monday – Friday
 - *Refills* for these medications will ship on Tuesdays and Thursdays via USPS

Updates – Needs Assessment

- TB/Refugee Health Needs Assessment
 - Due to COVID-19, we are delaying the annual needs assessment survey until at least mid-year
 - In the interim, please reach out to your regional nurse consultant, [Kathy Chapuran](#), or [Alicia Earnest](#) for any educational needs



Updates – Revised RVCT

- Revised Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (RVCT)
 - CDC delayed implementation until January 1, 2022
 - NBS changes pending – hopefully coming Fall 2021
 - We plan to offer training in late 2021

Updates - Website

- Website Revisions
 - Both the TB and Refugee Health portions of the IDOH website are undergoing significant revisions
 - Aiming to provide a more user-friendly experience with easier access to key information, sample templates, resources, etc.



Updates – New In-Train Course

- New In-Train TB Course
 - Development work on a new online TB course is underway
 - Targeting roll out of new course by mid-year



Updates – Incentives and Enablers

- Incentives and Enablers
 - Don't forget we have a fund for incentives and enablers to encourage your clients to complete treatment and to assist in overcoming barriers in TB treatment
 - Contact your regional nurse consultant or [Alicia Earnest](#) with questions

Updates – Elimination Coalition

- Indiana TB Elimination Coalition
 - Efforts to start an elimination coalition began in early 2020; however, work was quickly halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Aim to revisit in late 2021/2022

World TB Day Evaluations

- World TB Day Evaluations
 - Look for an e-mailed Red Cap survey link this week
 - Your feedback is appreciated!

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