



As the National TB Controllers Association President I have the honor and privilege to represent all TB Programs from across the United States this week in Washington DC. *On Thursday, March 28 I will be part of a panel of speakers at a Senate briefing on TB: Accelerating the Response to Tuberculosis.* Thank you to the National TB Controllers Association for sponsoring my travel to this important event.

World TB Day is one of the most important events for people working toward tuberculosis elimination.

A total of 9,029 persons were reported with TB in the United States in 2018.

New Mexico had 41 persons with active TB diagnosed in 2018; an 11% increase over 2017 (37 cases).

Providing timely diagnosis and effective treatment for all persons with active TB and their contacts remains the top priority for the NM TB Program. County specific data on persons with active TB and data on persons reported and treated with TB Infection will be provided by the end of March.

For more information on World TB Day activities and information please see <https://www.cdc.gov/features/worldtbdays/index.html>

Hats off to the many public health nurses that provide day to day care of persons with TB. See the photo below of nurses that attended the TB Training in Ignacio, Colorado last week. 15 New Mexico Public Health Nurses were able to attend.



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