Challenges in Correctional Tuberculosis (TB) Programs During a Pandemic

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Discuss the challenges of identifying and managing active TB
Discuss the challenges of identifying and managing latent TB
Recognize the challenges of TB screening during a pandemic

Objectives

Active TB Cases

- 2020 case count
- 2019 & 2018 case count
- Decreased movement from county facilities
- TB diagnosed as COVID-19 pneumonia?
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LTBI Programs
- Delayed annual TSTs (tuberculin skin test)
- Delayed evaluation for treatment
- Decreased number on treatment
- Decreased monitoring on treatment

TB Screening
- Delaying TST
- Interferon release assay (IGRA)
- Alternate screening tools
- Unavailability of CXR

COVID-19 vaccine

Summary
- Decreased or delayed identification of active and latent TB
- Decreased monitoring of active and latent TB
- Limited options when screening for TB