

Challenges in Correctional Tuberculosis (TB) Programs During a Pandemic

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Objectives

- 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

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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

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TB Screening

COVID-19 vaccine

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

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Summary

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

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