**TB Nurse Care Priorities Matrix**

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|  | **High TB Acuity** (Smear positive, severely ill, side effects, abnormal labs, comorbidities, initial phase, drug resistance, homelessness, drug/alcohol abuse, high priority contacts) | **Low TB Acuity**(Smear negative, no side effects, stable labs, continuation phase, no drug resistance, medium/low priority contacts) |
| **High COVID19 Risk**(Immunocompromised, > 60 yrs old, comorbidities, known contact or travel) | * Home visit preferred for initial phase and/or when in-person assessment, labs, vision screening is needed (airborne and/or droplet precautions as needed) 1
* Video/phone call ok 2
* Office visit discouraged
 | * Video/phone call preferred 2
* Home visit ok for in-person assessment, labs, vision screening (droplet precautions as needed)1,3
* Office visit discouraged
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| **Low COVID19 Risk** (<60 yrs old, otherwise healthy, no known contact or travel) | * Home visit preferred for initial phase and/or when in-person assessment, labs, vision screening is needed (airborne and/or droplet precautions as needed) 1
* Video/phone call ok 2
* Office visit ok for in-person assessments, labs, vision screening if client does not have cough or fever (airborne precautions as needed) 1
 | * Video/phone call preferred 2
* Home visit ok 1,3
* Office visit ok if client does not have cough or fever1,3
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1If PPE required and client is not in the initial phase or in-person assessment, labs or vision screening are not necessary, then prioritize a video/phone call.

2Video/phone call could be used for check ins and nursing assessment questions (monthly eval, side effects eval, monitoring) – this may mean you break an appointment up into two parts: a) Video/phone interview to assess for symptoms and side effects, b) HV for in-person assessment, labs, vision screening so as to minimize contact duration.

3Consider postponing labs or vision screening for PPE preservation or staffing shortages with approval from supervisor, Health Officer and managing provider. If direct client care postponed, then prioritize a video call.