

TB AND YOUR CHILD

Important facts:

Children under the age of 5 years:

- are at the highest risk for getting sick from TB when exposed to an adult who is coughing TB germs.
- are most likely to develop life threatening forms of Active TB such as TB meningitis.
- symptoms may or not be present in children or may mimic other illnesses.

Your health care provider may screen your child for TB if:

- your child has symptoms of TB or has been exposed to an adult who has TB.
- you are in a community with a high incidence of TB.

Your health care provide will:

- ask you about symptoms and if there has been any adults who are coughing in your home.
- do a TB skin test if your child is older than 6 months of age.
- try to obtain sputum if your child is coughing and or request a Chest Xray to be done.
- refer to another care provider for additional testing if needed.

What can I do?

If you have had a positive TB skin test in the past this can increase your risk of developing Active TB. Learn and know the symptoms of Active TB.



Watch for Symptoms of TB in children:



Keep adults who are coughing away from your child and encourage them to get checked for TB.

See your health care provider if either you or your child have symptoms of TB.



Treatment for Active TB and Latent TB infection are offered by specially trained TB Program workers in your community. Please contact NITHA TB program for more information: (306) 953-5000.