



TB FACTS

Ideas to Help With Your Artwork:

What is TB?

- TB is a germ that can make people sick, mostly in the lungs.
- TB germs can spread through the air when someone with TB coughs.
- The good news is TB can be treated and cured with medicine.

Active TB vs Latent TB Infection

Active TB

- The TB germs are active and making the person sick.
- A person with active TB may have symptoms like coughing, fever, night sweats, or weight loss.
- Active TB can spread to other people through the air.
- People with active TB need treatment right away with TB medicine.

Latent TB Infection

- The TB germs are sleeping in the body.
- The person does not feel sick and has no symptoms.
- Latent TB cannot spread to other people.
- Treatment may be recommended to stop latent TB from becoming active later.

Simple Way to Think About It

- Latent TB = germs are sleeping 😴
- Active TB = germs are awake and making someone sick 🦠

Signs Someone Might Have TB

Some people with TB may have:

- A cough that won't go away
- Feeling very tired
- Fever or night sweats
- Losing weight without trying
- Chest pain

If someone feels sick like this, they should talk to a nurse or doctor.

Why TB Screening is Important

- Screening helps find TB early.
- It helps stop TB from spreading to others.
- It helps keep families and communities healthy.

How TB Can Be Treated

- TB is treated with antibiotics
- Treatment can be 3 – 6 months long or longer!
- Nurses and TB workers help people finish their treatment and stay connected to care

Helping Keep Our Communities Healthy

- Learning about TB helps people understand it better.
- Being kind and supportive to people on treatment helps them get better.
- Healthy communities protect our children, families, and Elders.

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Tip for your artwork:

Your art could show people helping each other, nurses supporting patients, families staying healthy, or ways we can stop TB together.

Together we can
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