

LABORATORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING OF TUBERCULOSIS IN CALIFORNIA*

<p>What must be reported?</p>	<p>Microscopic, cultural, immunological, serological, or other evidence suggestive of tuberculosis. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All smears positive for AFB • A positive nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) • Detection of mycobacterial growth on culture media or in broth • Identification of mycobacterial growth as <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex, <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>, <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> • Histologic evidence consistent with tuberculosis • Drug susceptibility test results on cultures positive for <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex
<p>To whom should reports be submitted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results should be first submitted to the local health officer in the jurisdiction where the health care provider who submitted the specimen is located • Reference laboratories are responsible for notifying BOTH the laboratory that forwarded the specimen or isolate for testing AND the local health officer in the jurisdiction where the health care provider who submitted the specimen is located • Submit one positive culture for TB to public health laboratory
<p>When should these results be reported to TB Control?</p>	<p>Within one working day from the time the health care provider or referring laboratory is notified of results</p>
<p>What information is required on the report?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient's name, identification number • Patient's age/date of birth, gender • Patient's address • Patient's telephone number (if known) • Provider's name, address and telephone number • Date of specimen collection • Specimen accession number • Test performed and result • Date positive results were identified <p><i>The lab that first receives a specimen is responsible for obtaining the above information, and labs must forward this same information when transferring specimens between labs.</i></p>
<p>How is TB Control notified?</p>	<p>Telephone, courier, mail or fax reports for this county to:**</p> <p>NAME OF COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM</p> <p>ADDRESS</p> <p>CITY, STATE, ZIP</p> <p>TELEPHONE NUMBER</p> <p>FAX NUMBER</p> <p>** Written notification is required within one working day regardless of method of reporting.</p>

* Reporting requirements are specified by Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Reportable Diseases and Conditions, Section 2505, Notification by Laboratories.