



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

**Tuberculosis/ Latent Tuberculosis
Infection in Corrections**

- To ensure the health and safety of all patients and staff with screening, testing and treatment for tuberculosis (TB) in accordance with Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, federal, state/local health department recommendations and correctional healthcare standards.
- Identifying LTBI and initiating treatment for LTBI can prevent the development of TB disease in persons who are infected with MTB.
- Successful Treatments
- Comprehensive Discharge Planning

OBJECTIVES

DEFINITIONS

- Tuberculosis disease
- Latent TB infection (LTBI)
- TST
- Two-step testing
- Conversion
- Incarcerated Individual (II)
- IDOC
- Health Services Vendor



INTRODUCTION

- 21 facilities
 - Total of about 23,000 Incarcerated Individuals
- Chief Medical Officer: Dr. Kristen Dauss
- Executive Director of Physical Health: Nikki Tafoya, RN
- IDOC utilizes a Health Services Vendor for Comprehensive Healthcare
 - Centurion
 - Vice President of Operations: April Meggs
 - Statewide Medical Director: Dr. Stephanie Riley
 - Statewide Infection Control Nurse: Tiffany Hountz, RN

INTAKE SCREENING



All incarcerated individuals are screened for TB symptoms on intake.

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER FACILITY OR RELEASING INDIVIDUALS

- When an individual is transferred to a new facility they are screened and tested, if not completed at the intake facility.





ANNUAL HEALTH SCREENS

IDOC performs annual health screens.

ACTIVE DISEASE AND IDOC MANAGEMENT

IDOC has 7 inpatient infirmaries around the state

No current ACTIVE cases

We work closely with IDOH partners on potential and active cases

DURING TREATMENT



TB/LTBI: Nursing visits and provider visits with a set protocol for each.



Monitor Labs



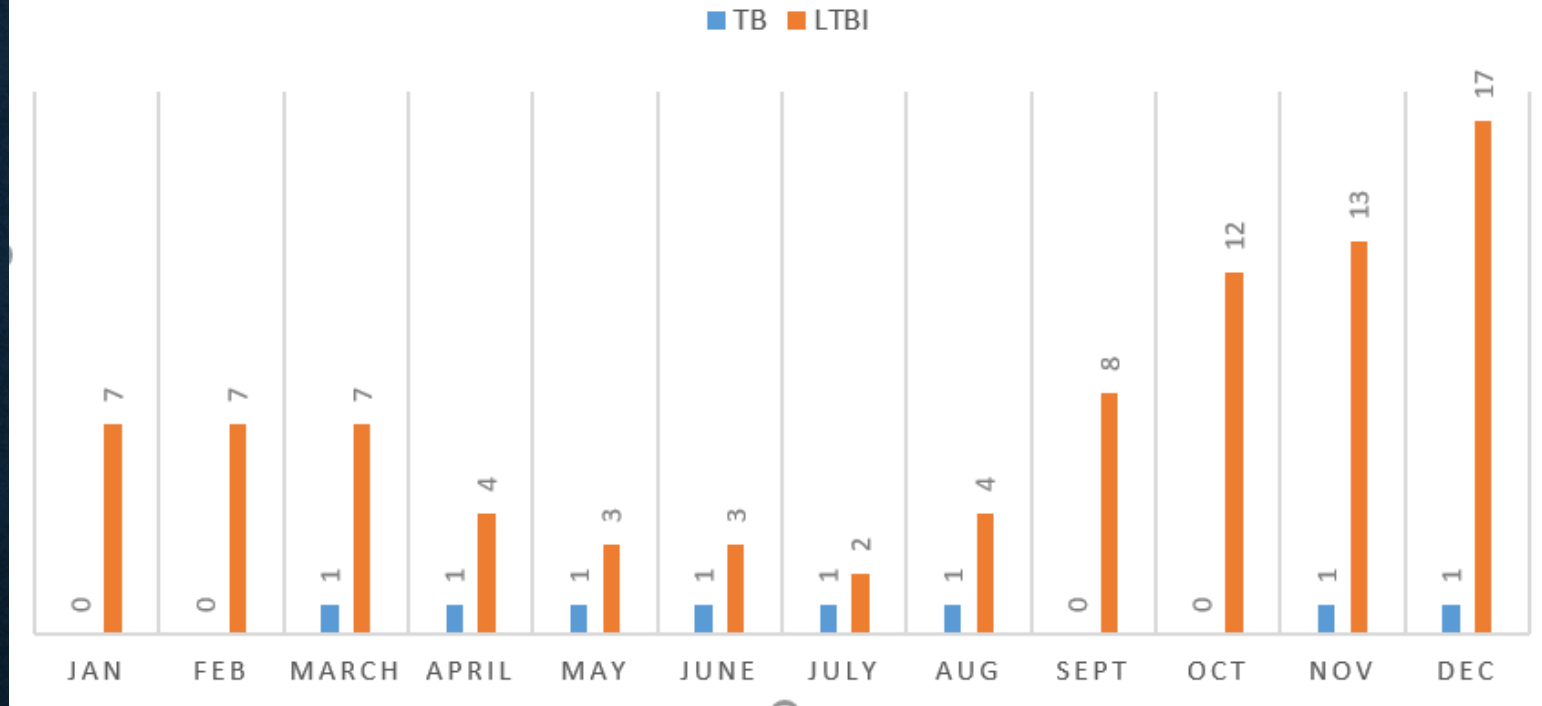
Medication Compliance
Checks

**RELEASED
FROM IDOC
ON TB/LTBI
MEDICATIONS**

Centurion Transitional
Healthcare Team meets with
patients prior to release

TB Consultants from IDOH
are notified of Incarcerated
individuals release.

ACTIVE MONTHLY TB/LTBI MEDICATION ORDERS



**ACTIVE MEDICATION ORDERS IN IDOC FOR TB/LTBI
IN 2022**

All state employees, all vendors, volunteers, and student learners are screened and 2 step tested

EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER TESTING

CHALLENGES IN CORRECTIONS

- Refusals upon intake or annually for testing
- Medication compliance/Med Lines
- Contact Tracing and Follow Up Testing after exposures or confirmed cases
- Provider Education



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QUESTIONS?

Correctional Health Collaboration

- Correctional Epidemiologist
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 - Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Division
- Focusing on communicable disease surveillance, monitoring and education
 - County Jails
 - Community corrections
 - County juvenile facilities
 - Indiana Department of Corrections liaison

Correctional Health Collaboration

- Building collaboration
 - Indiana sheriff's association
 - Wellpath
 - Advance correctional healthcare
 - Quality correctional healthcare
 - Correctional Health Indiana, Inc.
 - Centurion
- Working to treat correctional healthcare like community health.

Questions?

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