

## Fast Facts

### Tuberculosis

- Infection that is caused by bacteria
- Can affect many different parts of your body, but most commonly affects your lungs
- Two classification: latent and active
- Latent = you're infected but it remains in an inactive state (no symptoms and aren't contagious)
- Active = having symptoms and can spread the disease to others (can occur within a few weeks after you've been infected or years later)
- Spread when an infected person coughs, speaks, sneezes, spits, laughs or sings and tiny droplets are released into the air and an uninfected person inhales them

| <i>Symptoms</i>   | <i>Treatment</i>   | <i>Prevention</i>   |
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| <p><i>Latent TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-None</li> </ul> <p><i>Active TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cough that lasts more than three weeks</li> <li>-Coughing up blood</li> <li>-Chest pain (especially with breathing or coughing)</li> <li>-Unintentional weight loss</li> <li>-Fatigue</li> <li>-Fever</li> <li>-Night sweats</li> <li>-Chills</li> <li>-Loss of appetite</li> </ul> | <p><i>Latent TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-One antibiotic</li> <li>-For 4 months</li> </ul> <p><i>Active TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Several antibiotics</li> <li>-For 9 months</li> </ul> <p><i>Drug-Resistant TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Antibiotic pills</li> <li>-Injections of other medications</li> <li>-For 20 – 30 months</li> </ul> | <p><i>Latent TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Take medication as prescribed to prevent active TB</li> </ul> <p><i>Active TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Prevent spread to others by stay home, ventilate your room, cover your mouth and wear a surgical mask</li> <li>-Finish the entire course of your medications</li> </ul> <p><i>No TB:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wash hands thoroughly</li> <li>-Avoid spend time around individuals who are ill</li> </ul> |

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