

Mandatory stand-up talk

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Tuberculosis on the rise in some states

Managers must deliver this stand-up talk on tuberculosis and associated protective measures to all available employees, beginning immediately and repeating as necessary until all employees have received this message.

A recent study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that tuberculosis, commonly known as TB, cases are on the rise in some states.

Local health officials are working the community to provide medication, guidance and monitoring where it is necessary.

Here's what you should know about tuberculosis:

- Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease that is transmitted on droplets of saliva and vapor during close proximity events such as sneezing, coughing and close conversation.
- There is virtually no chance of transmitting TB by touching surfaces such as countertops, mail and equipment.
- Early symptoms of tuberculosis can include weight loss, fever, night sweats and loss of appetite.
- Persons who have TB, and are on medication for at least 14 days, are no longer contagious and can't transmit the disease.
- With appropriate treatment, TB is largely curable.

For more information visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/>.