

## **Programs and Services for Health Professionals**

The Ben Franklin TB Control Program provides TB screening, education, outreach, direct care services, case management, and guidance concerning active TB disease and Latent TB Infection.

Along with providing general guidance about TB protocols, the TB Program can evaluate patients from other Health Care providers who test positive on the Tuberculin Skin Test (TST), the QuantiFERON TB-Gold Blood Assay Test (QFT) which is also known as an Interferon Gamma Release Assay Test (IGRA). Please provide us and/or the patient with the date the skin/ blood test was done, by whom, the date it was read and the reading in number of millimeters or date the blood screening was analyzed by the lab. If you already have done a chest x-ray, send a copy of the x-ray with the patient for us to do an assessment. We can also help with the case management of people being treated for Latent TB Infection (LTBI).

Cases of LTBI are **not considered reportable** to your local health department.

It is important to remember that **active TB is a Class A-2, reportable disease. Any positive lab result concerning TB, any suspect TB case, or a confirmed case of active TB needs to be reported to your local health department by the end of the next business day.** You can contact us at **645-1823** to report a confirmed or suspect TB case by phone and/or fax us the information at **645-8669**.

Call the TB Program and ask to speak to a Nurse or a Supervisor for more information.