

Dear TB Elimination Partner,

The Virginia Department of Health is pleased to share its Latent Tuberculosis Infection Patient and Provider Resource Toolkit. With an estimated 13 million people in the United States living with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI), of which approximately 5-10% could go on to develop active TB disease if untreated, complete treatment of LTBI is essential to reaching TB elimination.

As a provider who works with patients and populations at risk for LTBI, you are an integral part of our TB elimination endeavors, and we hope these resources will assist you in your efforts to test and treat your patients for LTBI. These resources are designed to be a companion resource to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) guidance. They provide a background of LTBI, testing and treatment information, and guidance on talking to patients and their families about LTBI.

Please find a variety of communication and educational materials for your patients and practice enclosed. For additional copies of these resources, including materials in a variety of languages, please see our website at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/tuberculosis/. We thank you for your partnership and dedication to eliminating TB.

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