

# World TB Day



## DID YOU KNOW ???

More than 2 million Californians have tuberculosis germs in their bodies but are not sick yet.

TB infects 1 out of 4 people on the planet.

TB is preventable with the right medication.

You can still get sick with TB if you have the BCG vaccine.

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DAY  
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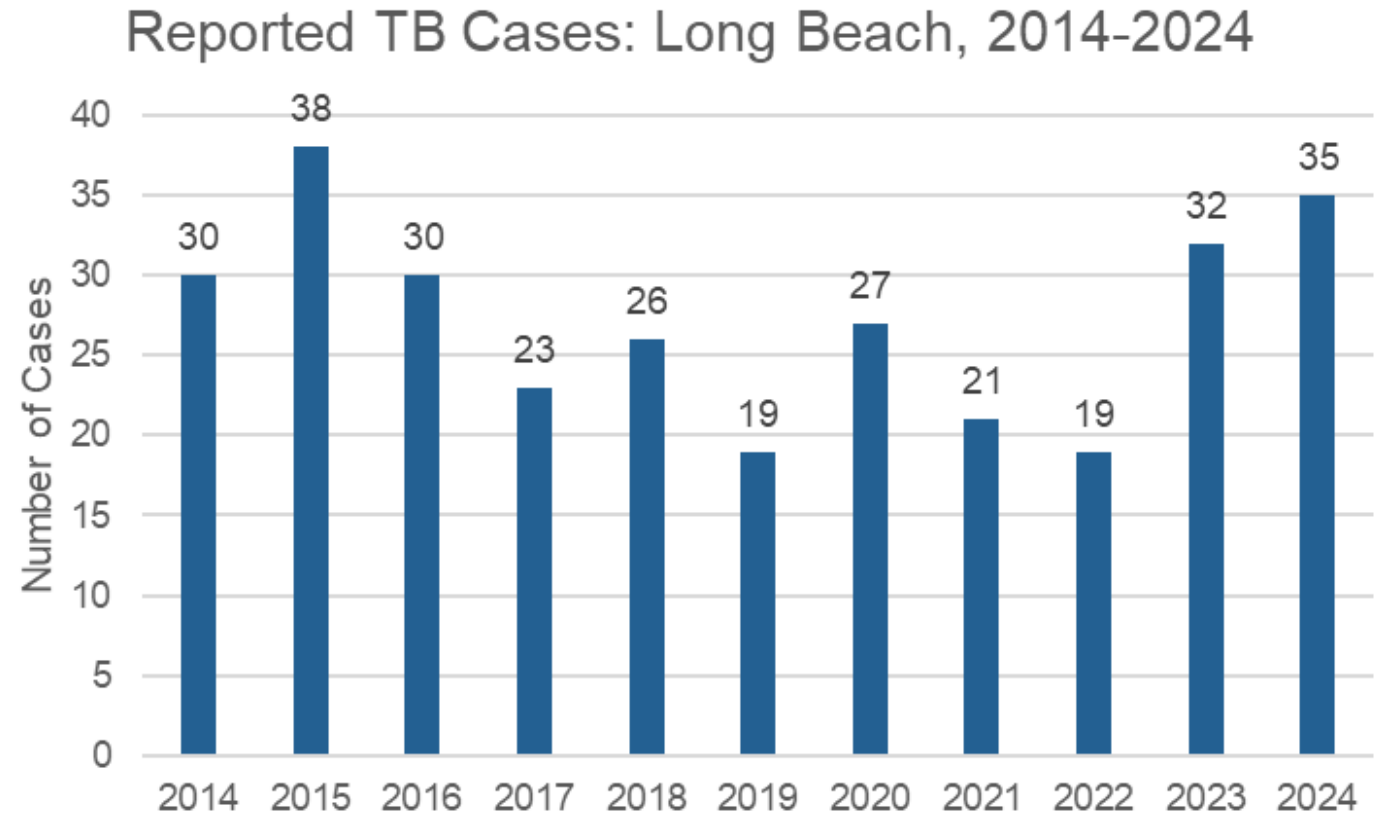


# Active TB Cases in Long Beach increased by 84% from 2022 to 2024

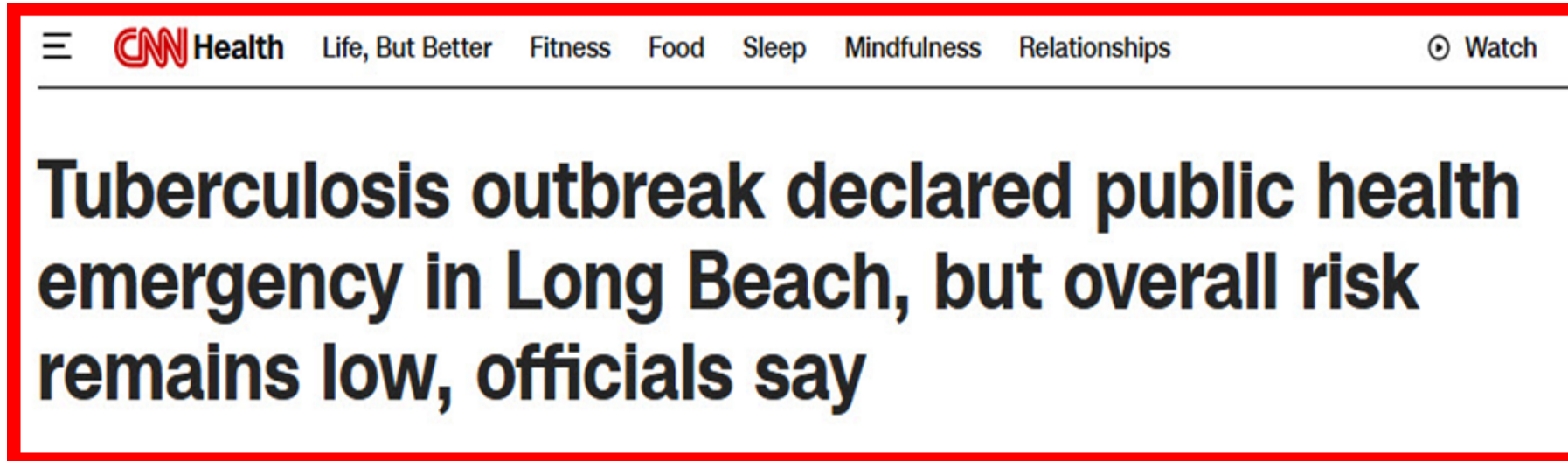
Long Beach is classified as a medium morbidity jurisdiction.

Cases aren't the whole story:

- Contacts
- Suspects



# TB Outbreak in Long Beach



16 cases of active TB as part of an outbreak

- Daily directly observed therapy for several months
- Housing, rent, food, transportation assistance

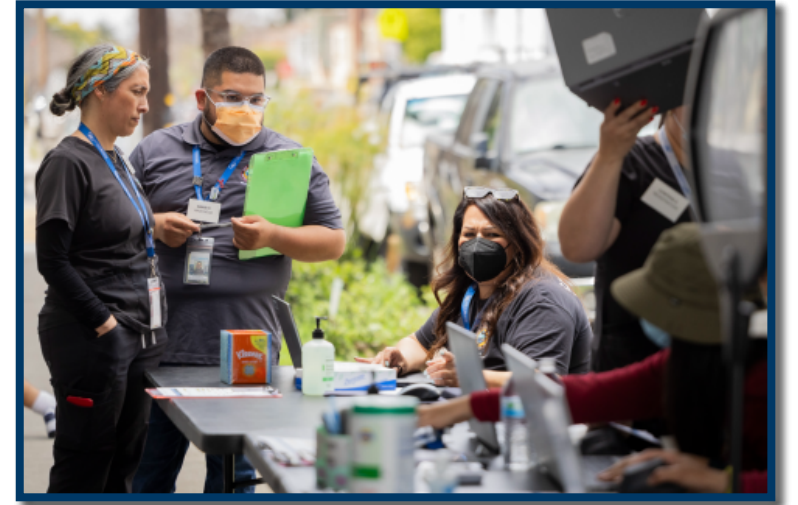
# Outbreak Response

## 352 Contacts

- Outreach was attempted for all contacts
- Numerous phone calls, texts, letters, field visits
- Social media, public records
- 169 fully evaluated (77% of highest risk people)
- Fully evaluated:
  - Symptom screening
  - Blood test(s) and/or TB skin test
  - CXR
  - 3 sputa if needed

## 32 Cases of Latent (sleeping) TB identified

- 20 people have completed treatment **(20 potential active cases prevented!)**

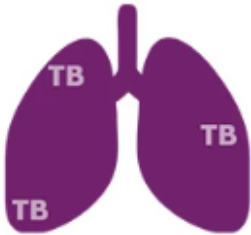


# Treating Latent (sleeping) TB Can Prevent Active TB

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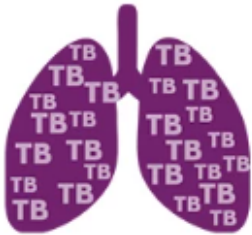
LATENT  
TB  
INFECTION

Up to 13 million people in the U.S. have latent tuberculosis (TB) infection.




Latent TB Infection

Latent TB infection means TB germs are in the body, but not enough to cause sickness or spread germs to others.



TB Disease

If TB germs become active & multiply, latent TB infection can turn into TB disease.





1 in 10

Without treatment, 1 in 10 people with latent TB infection will develop TB disease.

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# Everyone Should Have A TB Risk Assessment

**California Tuberculosis Risk Assessment**  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/TB-Risk-Assessment.aspx>

**LTBI testing is recommended if any of the 3 boxes below are checked.**


☐ **Birth, travel, or residence** in a country with an elevated TB rate for at least 1 month

- Includes any country other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or a country in western or northern Europe
- If resources require prioritization within this group, prioritize patients with at least one medical risk for progression (see the California Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment User Guide for this list)
- Interferon Gamma Release Assay is preferred over Tuberculin Skin Test for foreign-born persons ≥2 years old

☐ **Immunosuppression, current or planned**  
HIV infection, organ transplant recipient, treated with TNF-alpha antagonist (e.g., infliximab, etanercept, others), steroids (equivalent of prednisone ≥15 mg/day for ≥1 month) or other immunosuppressive medication

☐ **Close contact** to someone with infectious TB disease during lifetime

**Treat for LTBI if LTBI test result is positive and active TB disease is ruled out.**



See the **California Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Fact Sheet** for more information about using this tool.

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## What is AB2132?

**Assembly Bill 2132:** Signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 29, 2024, Assembly Bill 2132 requires adult patients receiving primary care services to be offered a Tuberculosis (TB) test if risk factors are identified, followed by provision or referral for appropriate follow-up care. The law will take effect on January 1, 2025. Learn more about the bill at [CTCA Coalition for a TB Free California Resources](#).



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