

# Find TB. Treat TB. Working together to eliminate TB.

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Tuberculosis, also called TB, is one of the world's deadliest diseases. One-third of the world's population is infected with TB, and each year, almost nine million people get sick with TB disease; one and a half million die from it. TB is also a leading killer of people who are infected with HIV. Fortunately, TB disease is preventable *and* treatable.

World TB Day is March 24, a day that commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that cause TB. This annual event provides an opportunity to raise awareness about TB and to support worldwide control efforts.

CDC's theme this year is "Find TB. Treat TB. Working together to eliminate TB." to highlight the fact that this disease is still a life-threatening problem in the United States, even though cases *are* declining.

*Anyone* can get tuberculosis, and our current efforts to find and treat latent TB infection and TB disease must be improved. Misdiagnosis of TB still exists and health care professionals often don't "think TB" when they see a patient.

Together with our partners, we can change this. Everyone has a role to play in eliminating TB, including prevention efforts for those most at risk, such as persons living with HIV or diabetes, and the homeless. Join CDC in making a commitment to a world free of TB.

To learn more about TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment visit [cdc.gov/tb](https://www.cdc.gov/tb).

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