

Dear Caregiver,

We appreciate your hard work and understand that it keeps you very busy. So busy that sometimes you may forget fundamental safety work practices. We made this safety insert especially for you so that you can refresh, learn and work safely without taking your time away from patient care.



Topic: Airborne Pathogens -TB

How it is transferred: coughing, sneezing, speaking, singing—all activities expel tiny particles containing the bacteria.

Symptoms (a few)

- Excessive coughing, coughing blood, weight loss, loss of appetite, laziness/weakness, night sweats, or fever

Surveillance

- Medical evaluations
- Post-exposure follow-up
- Periodic and baseline TB skin testing



Isolation (for those suspected of infection)

- Place warning sign on access door
- Masking and segregating the individual
- Use of HEPA filtration unit in the room
- Limit access to the room

Protection

- Use respirators that will filter out the bacteria
- Use respirators that conform and fit the face
- Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

What to do

- If you suspect you or a patient has active TB, notify your employer and they will take the necessary steps to help you

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