

*Communities
can work together
to eliminate TB!*



*TB is curable
and preventable...*
Think TB!

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What is tuberculosis (TB)?



TB is caused by bacteria (germs) and is spread when a person with TB disease of the lungs coughs the germs into the air. People sharing that air may breathe in the germs and develop either...

TB infection...



The germs are asleep, not causing damage, and cannot be spread to others.

TB disease...

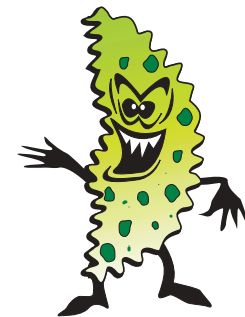


The germs are awake and causing damage. TB disease of the lungs is contagious.

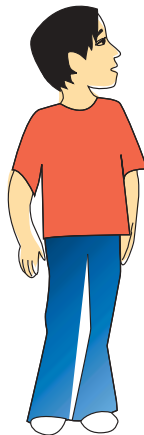


The germs can wake up and cause TB disease later in life.

Symptoms of TB disease in young children



Young children often don't have obvious symptoms of TB. However, they may have these general symptoms:



- **Cough** (for more than 3 weeks)
- **Fever**
- **No appetite**
- **Weight loss**
- **Feeling sick**
- **Noises in the chest when breathing**
- **Lumpy rash and sore eyes**
- **Lack of Energy**

If your child has these symptoms talk to your doctor or nurse.

Why is it so important to protect children against TB?

Children are more likely to develop TB disease after being infected with the TB germ. They are also at greater risk of developing serious forms of the disease (e.g., TB of the brain and spinal cord).

Protecting your child **THINK TB!**

To help protect your children, think carefully about the people spending time with them. Are they healthy? Do they have any of the symptoms of TB disease? If they do, encourage them to see the nurse or doctor.



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