

Dear Doctor,

Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has placed your patient on Medical Surveillance for Inactive Tuberculosis (TB) due to findings on their immigration medical examination.

1. **Complete all fields of the attached *Physician Report- Medical Surveillance for TB* form and give it to your patient to forward to Peel Public Health.**

Please note:

- **A current Canadian chest x-ray must be done**
- **If you conduct follow up testing, please forward the results to Peel Public Health (PPH) when they become available.**
- **LTBI Treatment-** Treatment for L TBI should be considered for individuals at high risk for developing TB, unless the client has provided documentation of adequate previous LTBI or active TB treatment. Active TB must be ruled out before treatment is started. If sputums have been collected, please forward culture results before TB medication will be provided. If treatment for Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) is declined or contraindicated, monitor your patient for the development of active TB for at least two years. Counsel your patient to watch for TB signs and symptoms and when to seek medical advice.

Reporting responsibilities to Peel Public Health

- To report **LTBI** or to order TB medications fax: Physician Report- Medical Surveillance for TB to PPH at 905-565-8428
- To report **suspect/confirmed cases:** call Peel Public Health 905- 791-7800 x 2796

2. Payment

- The medical examination and relevant tests are eligible for payment from OHIP or Interim Federal Health Plan
- Patients without OHIP or Interim Federal Health (e.g., visitors) should be billed directly
- If active TB Disease is suspected for an uninsured patient, call Peel Public Health at 905-791-7800 x 2796 to determine if your patient is eligible for TB- UP, a program for uninsured persons.

3. Additional resources:

- Canadian TB Standards (2022): [https://www.Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, Volume 6, Issue sup1 \(2022\)](https://www.Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, Volume 6, Issue sup1 (2022))
- 4. ▪ BCG Atlas: World Atlas of BCG Policies and Practices - <http://www.bcgatlas.org/>
- TST in 3D: The Online TST/IGRA Interpreter - <http://www.tstin3d.com/>

Sincerely,
The TB Program

Health Services

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**PHYSICIAN REPORT - MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE
FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB)**

Gender: Female Male
 Transgender Other Unknown

_____, _____, _____, _____
Last Name(s) First Name(s) DOB YYYY/MM/DD Country of Birth
Address: _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

PHYSICAL FINDINGS and RELATED HISTORY

1. Current Chest X-Ray Date: _____ **A copy of the Canadian radiology report must be attached**

2. Risk factors for TB re-activation:

HIV/AIDS Renal disease Immunosuppressive therapy/disease Heavy Tobacco Use
 Diabetes Abnormal CXR Recent Contact of TB (less than 2 years) Heavy Alcohol Use

3. Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) Date: _____ Result: _____ mm induration

Note: A TST should be administered regardless of BCG history, especially if the above medical risk factors are identified

4. Symptoms of TB: No Yes Check all that apply:

Cough Fever Night sweats Weight loss Hemoptysis Pain Fatigue

Other _____

5. Canadian Sputum x3 AFB/Culture Date: _____ **Attach copy of the Canadian reports**

Note: Canadian Sputum should be collected if client has TB symptoms, or an abnormal Chest X-Ray indicative of respiratory TB

HISTORY of PREVIOUS TREATMENT

Inactive TB (LTBI): No Yes TB Disease: No Yes Date: _____

Length of Treatment: _____ Medication(s): _____

CURRENT DIAGNOSIS

Active/ Suspect TB. **Must be reported to Peel Public Health by Phone or Fax ***

Latent TB Infection (L TBI) Fax Chest X-Ray to Peel Public Health *

Check here to order Rifampin 600 mg po daily x 4 months Rifampin 450 mg po daily x 4 months

Check here to order Isoniazid 300mg and Pyridoxine Vit. B6 25 mg daily for 9 months (Please sign & date below**)

LTBI treatment declined Contraindicated Client counselled; signs, symptoms, when to seek medical attention

No active TB/LTBI

PHYSICIAN PLANS for FOLLOW-UP (check all that apply)

Client referred to Specialist for further assessment. Name : _____

Follow-up assessment, Chest X-Ray, and/or sputum in 6-12 months. _____

Physician's Name: _____

***Peel Public Health
TB Program**

**Fax Number: 905-565-8428
Phone Number: 905-791-7800 X 2796**

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel. # _____ Fax # _____

**Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Dear Client,

You have been placed on Medical Surveillance for Inactive Tuberculosis (TB) by Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and have agreed to have a medical examination and chest x-ray as a condition of coming to Canada.

Please complete the following instructions:

1. Call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 if any of the following apply:
 - Your medical surveillance documents are marked **urgent**
 - You are experiencing symptoms of TB which may include night sweats, fever, cough, or coughing up blood
 - Your home address or contact information changes
2. Make an appointment with your health care provider. Bring the 'Dear Doctor' letter and Physician Report form found in this package to your appointment.
 - If you are eligible for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), please apply for the OHIP card if you haven't already. You can make an appointment with your health care provider using your temporary card.
 - If you do not qualify for OHIP, make an appointment as soon as possible. You will need to pay for the appointment.
3. Have your health care provider complete the Physician Report form.
4. Fax your medical surveillance documents (e.g., IMM 535 form, letter, or email) along with the physician reporting form and copy of the chest x-ray report and sputum results (if applicable) to Peel Public Health at 905-565-8428. **Note: please fax all documents together.**
5. All documents need to be faxed to Peel Public Health within six (6) months of your medical surveillance notification from IRCC. **If the completed forms are not received within six months, your file will be closed and IRCC will be notified.**
6. Keep a copy of all documents for your health records.
7. For more information about TB and medical surveillance, visit our website at <https://www.peelregion.ca/health/diseases/tuberculosis/>.

Sincerely,

Peel Public Health
TB Program
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