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TB in Corrections — Why Should I Care?

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At The Nexus of Correctional Health and Public Health

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What is Public Health?

"A coordinated effort at the local, state, and federal levels whose mission is fulfilling society's interest in assuring conditions in which people can be healthy."¹

- **Major goals:**

- Protecting the health of populations.²
- Improving the health of people and their communities.²

- **Achieved by:**

- Promotion of healthy lifestyles.²
- Researching diseases and injury prevention.²
- Detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases.²

Organization of Public Health Systems^{3,4}

- **Federal Level:**

- Consists of multiple agencies with various mission scopes and goals within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Often provide oversight, support, and funding opportunities to States and Territories.

- **State & Territorial Level:**

- Includes 50 states, eight territories, and District of Columbia.
- All have the statutory authority to regulate public health within their jurisdiction.

- **Local:**

- Authority is derived from the state, with various governance structures.
- Centralized: all part of the state government.
- Decentralized: led by local governments.
- Hybrid: Some locals are state run, while others are under local control.
- Shared: Both local and state govern local departments.

Tuberculosis Reporting

Each jurisdiction will have different reporting methods and specific requirements.

- Confirmed or suspected tuberculosis (TB) disease (i.e., active TB) is reportable.
- Latent TB Infection (LTBI) may or may not be reportable.



Responsibilities for TB Cases



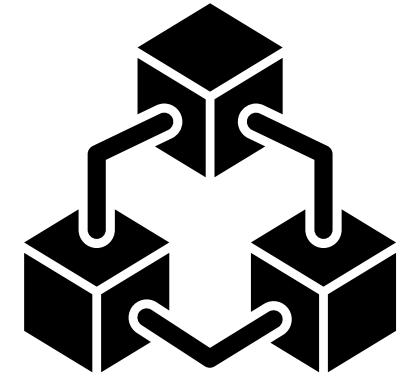
Healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and laboratories, need to report any confirmed or suspected case of tuberculosis disease (active TB).



Locals:
Collect data.
Interview patients/contacts.
Oversee case management.
May do medical management.
Report transfer notifications to other states.



States:
Reports data to CDC
Provide subject matter expertise.
Send transfer notifications to other states or internationally.
Regulatory oversight or more.



Federal:
National reporting.
Funding opportunities.
Develop guidelines.
International outreach.

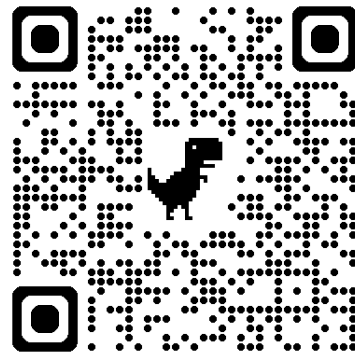
Connecting with Public Health

- **Correctional Liaison:**

- Some states may have identified a liaison to work with their correctional facilities.
- Liaisons aim to bridge the gap between corrections and public health.
- National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition has developed core competencies for liaisons.

- **State/Big City/Territory Contacts:**

- If there is not an identified liaison, you can still find your state/big city/territory's TB program by going to https://www.tbcontrollers.org/community/statecityterritory/#.Xad4_-hKiUl.



Building Partnerships That Excel

- Correctional Facilities:

- Invite public health in for a site visit to foster conversations and provides context.
- In person meetings help build lasting connections and encourages further outreach.
- Help to demystify the correctional experience and language.

- Public Health:

- Support medical services with information, training, and building professional contacts.
- Support custody through understanding their needs and challenges.
- Principles and general recommendations don't change, just how they are described and executed.

Maintaining Partnerships

- **Routine Meetings:**

- Periodic planned meetings enable planning and foster open communication.
- Waiting to meet until there is an event leaves both public health and the correctional institution at a disadvantage.

- **Lines of Communication:**

- Plan on how both will communicate with each other.
- What are the back up methods in case of personnel changes?

How Public Health Can Be a Good Partner

- **Communicate.**

- Provide updates when guidance changes.
- Update on changes in staffing.
- Provide timely updates on case management.
- Contact investigation updates.

- **Resources.**

- Quick references.
- Guidance documents.
- Professional education materials.
- Quick reference guides for TB disease and LTBI.
- Large visuals like posters to “Think TB” or posters on correct tuberculin skin test procedures.

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TB Level Set & ICE Overview



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement





U.S. Immigration
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Tuberculosis Management of Detained Noncitizens

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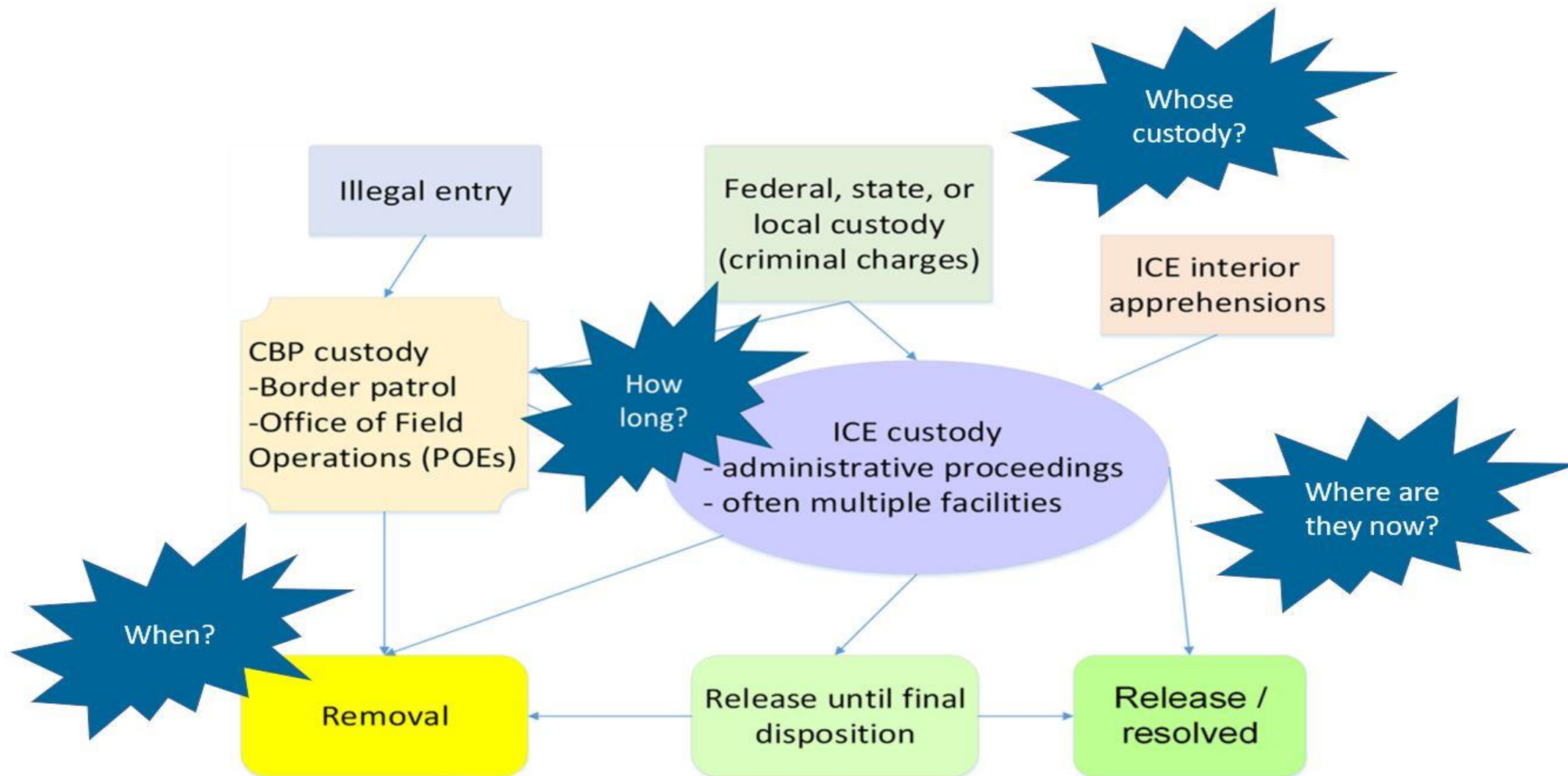


Objectives

- Understand complexity and uncertainty of medical care delivery in ICE detention setting.
- Discuss prevalence and clinical characteristics of tuberculosis (TB).
- Describe TB disease management program in IHSC.
- Highlight key partnerships for post-release continuity of care.



Custody is Complicated





Detainee Medical Care – Complexity Continues

ICE Health Service Staffed medical services

19 detention and stagings facilities
~131,000 detained noncitizens
FY2023

Custody-contracted medical services

128 non-IHSC-staffed facilities
~191,850 detained noncitizens
FY2023

- IHSC and non-IHSC-staffed facilities rely on community resources for specialty referrals and hospitalizations.
- Each facility has a limited number of respiratory isolation cells.
- Community hospitals and local health departments are critical partners in evaluating and managing noncitizens.
- The average length of stay was 30 days in fiscal year 2023.



We Take TB Seriously: Immigration Detention is High-Risk!!

- Congregate housing.
- Transient population.
- Vulnerable population under significant stress.
- Many noncitizens come from countries with a high prevalence of TB.



IHSC TB Statistics

- TB infection is more common among noncitizens.
- IHSC 2017-2019 surveillance data:
 - Confirmed TB: 90/100,000.
 - Microbiologically confirmed: 49/100,000.
- IHSC preliminary 2023 surveillance data:
 - Shows significant increases.
 - Confirmed TB: 157/100,000.
 - Microbiologically confirmed: 138/100,000.



Clinical Characteristics of Patients with TB in ICE Custody

January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023, N=121, Class 3 patients

89% Asymptomatic
(n=108)

59% TST or IGRA negative
(n=71)

1% HIV positive
(n=2)

6% Diabetic
(n=8)
32% Pre-diabetic
(n=39)



Best Practices for TB Screening

- Per CDC guidance:
 - Screen for symptoms, AND one of the following tests:
 1. Test for TB infection.
Either TST or IGRA
OR
 2. Test for TB disease.
Chest X-ray

Best Practice



IHSC TB Coordination and Care

- Direct patient care (boots on the ground).
- IHSC Infectious Disease Team.
 - Physician, two advanced practice providers, and two public health analysts.
- IHSC Infection Prevention Officers (IPO's)
 - Institutional.
 - Regional supervisors.




Vital Community Partners – Memo with Tool Kit

Memorandum Provides:

- Data and rationale for conservative management and empiric treatment.
- Point of contact for case consultation.
- Endorsed by:
 - CDC TB Centers of Excellence.
 - National Tuberculosis Controllers Association.
- Adapted from: Bureau of Prisons.

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Memorandum To: Community Healthcare Partners

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Subject: Identification and Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

As the Infectious Disease Consultant for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC), I am writing to inform you about the burden of pulmonary tuberculosis disease (PTB) that exists among individuals held in ICE custody and our approach to PTB management. **ICE relies on you as our community healthcare partners to ensure an optimal continuum of medical care for our patients.**

Since all individuals held in ICE custody are foreign born, PTB incidence is much higher than the general U.S. population. Surveillance conducted from January 2014-February 2015 determined the PTB incidence case rate to be 92.8/100,000 among persons detained in IHSC facilities.¹ This is in stark contrast to U.S. case rate of approximately 2.7/100,000 persons.²



Co-management of Complex Cases with Centers of Excellence

- >90% of our probable or confirmed patients experience positive outcomes.
- We collaborate with the Centers of Excellence for:
 - MDR/XDR patients.
 - Serious adverse drug reactions.
 - Significant comorbid disease.
- IHSC is the primary manager on most collaborative calls or warm line consults.
- Cases rarely require direct management by Centers of Excellence.



Release Planning and Coordination of Care

- The ultimate destination of a noncitizen is usually unknown upfront.
- To facilitate transitions of care, IHSC staff:
 - Refer all TB cases to CureTB.
 - Provide updates to **both** CureTB and local health departments (LHD).
 - Communicate information on transfers, releases and removals to **both** CureTB and the LHD.
 - Provide medical records, labs, and imaging to relevant community partners.
- Delays in communication result in:
 - Treatment interruption.
 - Failure to isolate.
 - Failure to link to the next care system.

What can you do?

When you are in the facility



Take your medicine as ordered.

Do not miss any scheduled medical or lab appointments. Go to sick call if you feel ill.

Get a copy of your medical records; if possible, place it in your personal property.

After you leave the facility



Continue your medicine as ordered.

Contact CureTB to find out where you can continue your care. Phone numbers are provided in the brochure.

Use the Web Portal <https://myhealth.ice.gov> and password given to me on intake to get my full medical record.



Do you have any questions?





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***IHSC: One Team, One Mission...
Leading the Way in Immigration
Health Care.***

Local & State Corrections Overview

A close-up photograph of a person's right foot and ankle. The person is wearing a black ankle monitor. A metal chain is attached to the monitor and is looped around a dark, cylindrical object, likely a wall or a post. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Unlocking TB: State and Local Facilities

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Types of State and Local Correctional Facilities

Prison – long term incarceration of a year or more, based on felony conviction and sentence

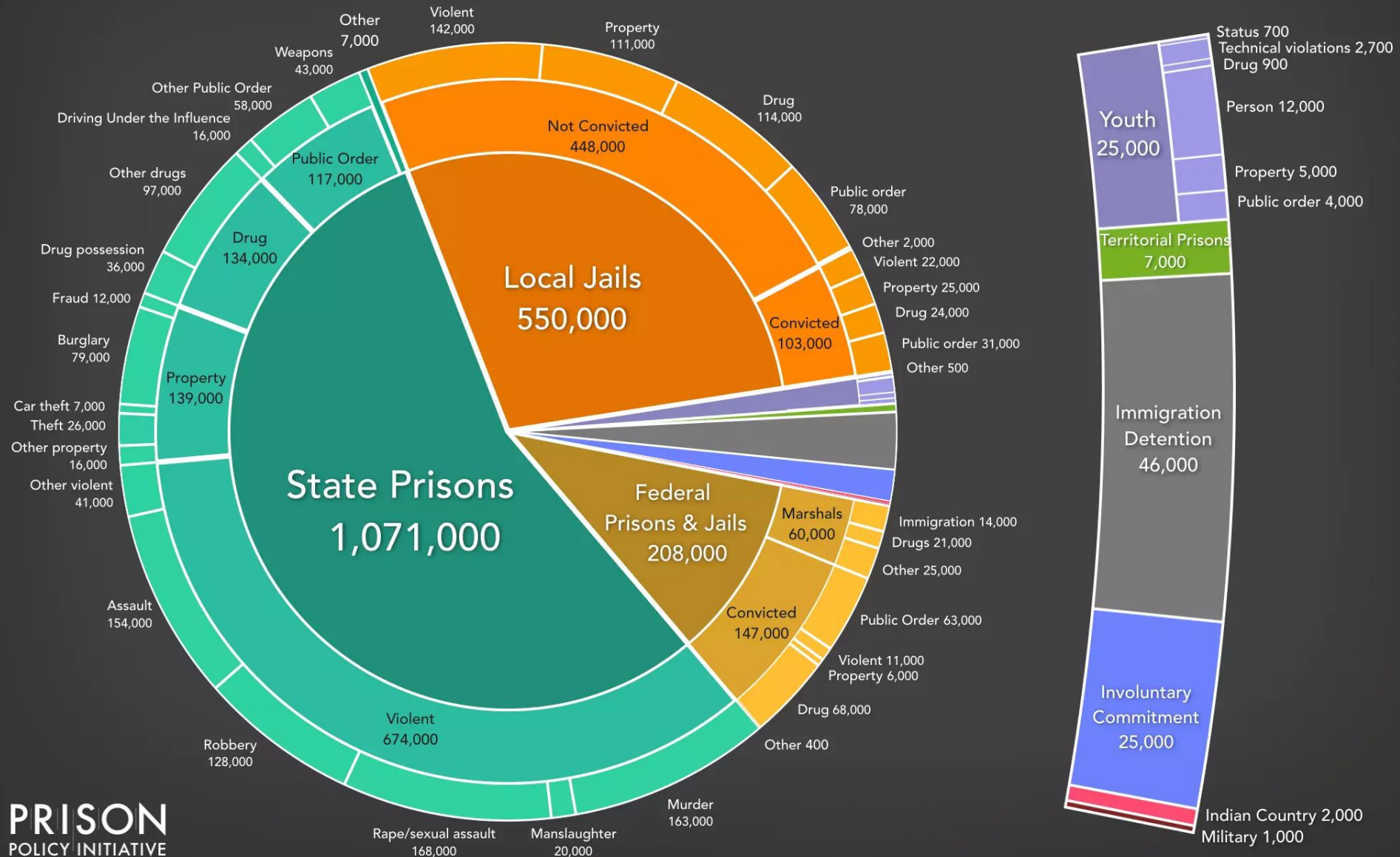
Jail – shorter term incarceration pretrial or less than a year sentence; can be for felony or misdemeanor – entry into the system

Jurisdictions:

- **County (jail) –entry into the system**
- State (prison) always convicted, sentenced
 - May be integrated with jail – depends on the state
- City (jail) – temporary lockups until moved to county jail
- Juvenile – state run or contracted facilities

How many people are locked up in the United States?

The U.S. locks up more people per capita than any other nation, at the staggering rate of 583 per 100,000 residents. But to end mass incarceration, we must first consider *where* and *why* 1.9 million people are confined nationwide.



TB and Jails in the US - 2022

Disproportionately high percentage of TB cases

- **4% increase in jails from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – 7.6 million admissions**
- **Midyear 2023, 70% of the jail population (467,600) was not convicted and awaiting court action. Remaining 30% (196,600) was convicted, serving a sentence or awaiting sentencing on a conviction.**

Bureau of Justice Statistics Report

- **3.6% of all TB cases nationwide occurred among residents of correctional facilities**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Challenges with a Transient Population

Individuals come into our jails before moving on to another facility!

Entry level for many

Often transferred between facilities

Tracking of people across systems can be difficult

Housing location is not static

Programs, visitation, court can all expand contact with others

Data sharing is often hard to establish

MOU's and case managers can help regarding data sharing

Challenges for LTBI Treatment in Short-term Facilities

- **Perception (or misperceptions)**
 - Establish relationship before there's an outbreak
 - Statistics – a good tool, but make them relevant
 - Collaboration – use synergistic communication
- **Awareness**
 - General education – in-service training for security, CEU's for professionals
 - Updated triggers (signs, technology)

“Partners in Crime”

- **Essential personnel (Gatekeepers)**
 - **Facility administrator**
 - **Medical or Health Services Administrator**
- **Other personnel to include**
 - **Classifications personnel/supervisor**
 - **Officers and others who interact with inmates and visitors**
 - **Intake personnel**
 - **Health department TB program personnel**

Not everyone requires a 3-day training, however, everyone requires education, collaboration – AND COMMUNICATION!

Bridging the Communication Gap

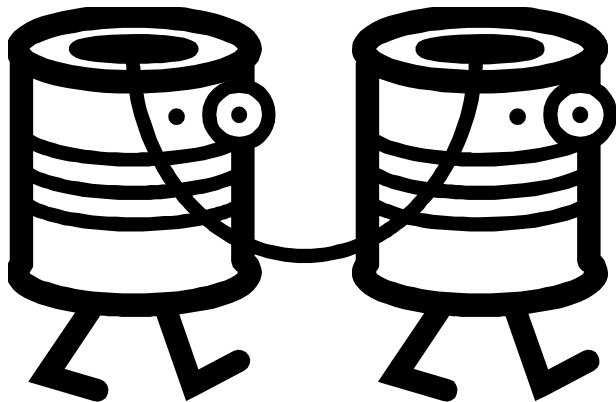
Health department and facility staff


Facility medical staff and custodial staff

Residents and all the above

The more elaborate our
means of communication,
the less we communicate.

Joseph Priestley



A photograph of an iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg is visible above the water line, while the much larger, submerged part is visible below. The sky is blue with some clouds, and the water is a deep blue. The iceberg itself is white and blue, with some snow on the tip.

Number of cases
diagnosed in
corrections.

Just the tip of the
iceberg.

How many TB cases were incarcerated for
short time – but released before diagnosis?

Federal Prison Overview & Impacting Trends

Federal Bureau of Prisons Facility Overview

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Institution Security Level

- Identified by physical security of the institution (i.e., mobile patrols, gun towers, perimeter barriers, housing, detection devices, inmate to staff ratio, and internal security).
 - High
 - United States Penitentiary (USP)
 - Secure Female facility (SFF)
 - Medium
 - Federal Correctional Institution (FCI)
 - Low
 - Federal Correctional Institution (FCI)
 - Minimum
 - Federal Prison Camp (FPC)
 - Satellite Prison Camp (SPC)
- ❖ Administrative institutions house inmates of all security levels



Adult In Custody (AIC) Security Level

Seriousness of current offense

History of violence

History of escape

Detainers/pending charges

Voluntary surrender

Age

Months to release

Education

Criminal history score

Drug/alcohol abuse history

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

Custody Level



Maximum Custody

- ♦ Inmates require ultimate control and supervision.
- ♦ Inmate's behavior is assaultive, predacious, riotous, serious escape risk, or seriously disruptive to orderly running of institution.

In Custody

- ♦ Inmates are eligible for all work assignments and activities under normal level of supervision.
- ♦ Inmates are not eligible for work details or programs outside the institution's secure perimeter.

Custody Level

Out Custody

May be eligible for work details outside the institution's secure perimeter with a minimum of two-hour intermittent staff supervision.

Community Custody

May be eligible for least secure housing including any outside the institution's secure perimeter.

May work on outside details.

May participate in community-based programs if eligible.

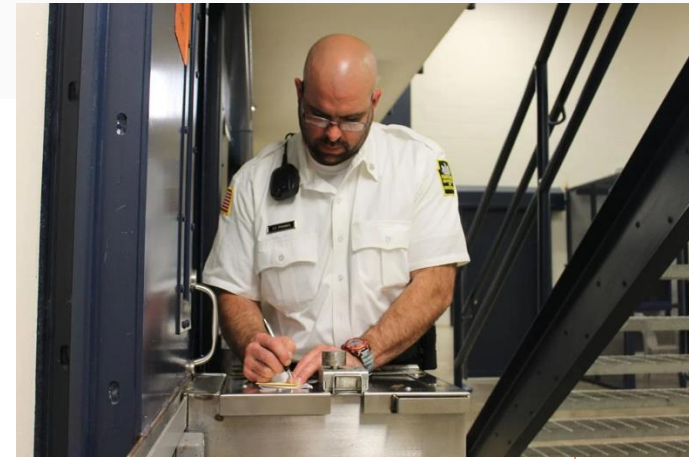
Inside the BOP

Chain of Command

- ♦ Custody Chain of Command
 - ♦ Warden, Associate Warden, Captain, Lieutenant
- ♦ Medical Staff
 - ♦ Health Services Administrator
 - ♦ Assistant Health Services Administrator
 - ♦ Clinical Director
 - ♦ Director of Nursing
 - ♦ Assistant Director of Nursing
 - ♦ Nursing Supervisor
- ♦ BOP staff, contractors (inside and outside)

AIC Status

- ♦ Presentenced AICs (USMS)
 - ♦ Go in and out for court
- ♦ Holdover status (BOP)
 - ♦ Sentenced but not designated
- ♦ Designated (BOP)
 - ♦ At assigned institution
- ♦ Come in through multiple channels
 - ♦ ICE
 - ♦ County Jails
 - ♦ Direct arrests (DEA, FBI, ATF, etc.)
 - ♦ Intersystem transfers
 - ♦ Self-surrenders





How Do We
Contribute to the
Global Plan to End
TB?

Screening

Intake

History and Physical

Chronic Care Appointment

- Symptom screening
- Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)
- TB history
 - Treatment or exposure
- CXR
- Separation or isolation

TST training

- New hires, retraining as necessary

Verification of All rooms

- Annual certification
- Monthly while empty
- Daily while occupied



TST VS IGRA

Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)

- ♦ Advantages

- ♦ Cost effective
- ♦ No need for lab
- ♦ Quick

- ♦ Disadvantages

- ♦ Human error
- ♦ 2 encounters

Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)

- ♦ Advantages

- ♦ No misinterpretation of reading
- ♦ BCG vaccine does not factor in

- ♦ Disadvantages

- ♦ Requires lab (often vacant)
- ♦ More expensive
- ♦ Slower turn around time (possibly)
- ♦ Longer patient encounter

Treat TB Infection

All facility types screen and treat active TB

Jails, ICE, county facilities do not focus on tx for LTBI

- High turnaround, unknown release dates

Short course regimen options

- Isoniazid (INH) and Rifapentine (3HP) weekly x 3 months (12 doses)
- Rifampin (4R) daily x 4 months (120 doses)
- INH and Rifampin (3HR) daily x 3 months (90 doses)

Recommended by CDC and NTCA over 6–9-month INH monotherapy

- Effectiveness, safety (decreased hepatotoxicity), and high completion rates
- Easier to keep track of low dose count



Treat TB Infection



- ♦ **Challenges**
 - Higher cost (medication and staff resources), drug interactions, high pill burden (3HP)
- ♦ **Correctional challenges**
 - DOT therapy, lock downs, no shows, paper MARs, movement (transfers, appointments, work assignments)
- ♦ **Use of incentives and enablers for treatment compliance**
 - Ethical issue
 - Coercion if not available to whole population

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