





TB - DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT WAKES ...

Tuberculosis (TB) is a serious illness caused by airborne bacteria. People at increased risk:

- · have links to a country where TB is common
- know someone who has, or has had, TB have low immunity caused by ill-health or lifestyle stresses

· Treated with

Symptoms:

4+ antibiotics

over 6+ months

· live in crowded or poorly ventilated accommodation

Think TB - early diagnosis and treatment is important for active TB

Test and treat for latent TB - prevention is better than cure

Your local CCG is running free latent TB testing and treatment for new arrivals from countries where TB is common.

Contact:



ACTIVE TB

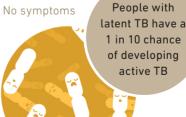
- TB bacteria are awake. multiplying and damaging tissue
- · Infectious if in lungs or throat



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LATENT **TB**

- TB bacteria are asleep. controlled by the immune system
- Not infectious
- Treated with 1-2 antibiotics over 3-6 months



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