



## Reporting Requirements for Suspected or Confirmed Tuberculosis

Hawaii State Department of Health  
Tuberculosis Control Program

Health care providers, laboratories, and infection control practitioners are required by Chapter 164 of Title 11, Hawaii Administrative Rules, §11-164-3, to report any patient suspected of or confirmed with active TB disease to the Hawaii State Department of Health, TB Control Program. The reports must be submitted to the TB Control Program by facsimile or mail within 24 hours of a diagnosis of confirmed or suspected TB.

It is **mandatory** to report patients who have ***any*** of the following criteria:

- Any laboratory specimen with smear positive results for acid fast bacilli (AFB) with suspicion of active TB disease.
- Any laboratory specimen with a positive result from a rapid diagnostic test, such as nucleic acid amplification (NAA) test [e.g., Gen-Probe's Amplified MTD<sup>®</sup> (Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Direct)].
- Any laboratory specimen with a positive culture for *M. tuberculosis* complex.
- Any other clinical specimen or pathology or autopsy findings consistent with active TB disease. For example, this may include, but is not limited to, caseating granulomas in a biopsy of the lung, lymph node, or other anatomic area.
- Treatment with two or more anti-TB medications (e.g., isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, ethambutol) for suspected or confirmed active TB disease.
- Clinical suspicion of pulmonary or extrapulmonary TB such that the health care provider has initiated or intends to initiate airborne isolation, or treatment for TB.
- ***FOR HI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TB CLINICS ONLY:***  
TB classification of 3, 4 or 5.

For infection control purposes, patients should be reported whenever TB is suspected, even if bacteriologic evidence of disease is lacking, preliminary, or treatment has not yet been initiated. When a patient has an AFB-positive smear or has been started on clinical treatment for TB, reporting should not be delayed pending laboratory identification of *M. tuberculosis* with rapid diagnostic tests (e.g., NAA tests) or culture results.