Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by bacteria that infect the lungs and is spread from person to person through the air when someone with TB disease coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings.

TB has two stages: active and latent. TB can only be spread when it is in the active stage, meaning the person infected has symptoms such as a cough that lasts for three or more weeks, fever, weight loss, weakness, and night sweats.

In the latent stage, the TB bacteria live in your body without making you sick. TB is not infectious in this stage. If the bacteria multiply, TB may progress to the active stage.

Please note that there were no active cases of TB in 2020.

*Potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on access to TB testing should be considered when interpreting 2020 rates.*