

Public Service Announcement

Nunavut marks World TB Awareness Day on March 24

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Nunavut has the highest rate of tuberculosis in Canada. TB symptoms include: weight loss, chronic cough, night sweats or fever. A simple TB skin test is available at your health centre or at Public Health. We can stop the spread of TB by getting tested and treated.

There are five things you need to know about TB.

- 1) TB is treated here in Nunavut and is curable.
- People who are sick with active TB disease can have chronic cough, weight loss, night sweats or fever.
- 3) You can infect other people if you have active TB disease in your lungs because TB spreads through the air.
- 4) If you are close with someone who has active TB disease, you may become infected with TB germs and develop sleeping TB infection.
- 5) People with sleeping TB infection are not contagious and can be treated with medication in Nunavut to prevent getting sick with active TB disease.

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