

# About Tuberculosis (TB)

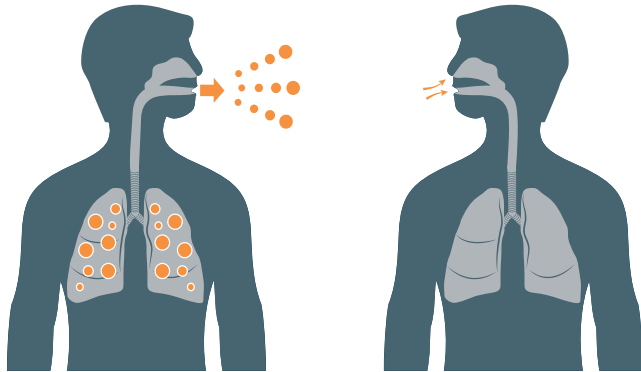
## Where is TB often found?



- 1 CENTRAL AMERICA
- 2 SOUTH AMERICA
- 3 GREENLAND
- 4 AFRICA
- 5 EASTERN EUROPE
- 6 MIDDLE EAST
- 7 SOUTHEAST ASIA
- 8 RUSSIA & EAST ASIA
- 9 OCEANIA

## How do you get TB?

Anyone can get TB. It can spread from person to person through the air when someone with TB talks, coughs, or sings.



## How do we prevent TB from spreading?



Hospital staff will wear a special mask or hood when caring for your child. You and your child will wear a mask when you need to be outside of their room.

You will be screened for TB with a chest X-ray and/or blood tests. You will also answer questions such as where you've traveled. Where you can go in the hospital may be limited during your testing.



## Why do we take TB seriously?

TB can spread easily through the air. It can make people, especially children in the hospital, very sick. This is why we take special steps to prevent it from spreading to other patients, families and hospital staff.

## What if I have TB?



You can get better by taking medicines for 6 months to a year. TB can be treated and cured.

## Resources

To learn more about TB, visit [www.cdc.gov/tb/education/patient\\_edmaterials.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/patient_edmaterials.htm) and check out these booklets:



### Questions and Answers about Tuberculosis

(<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/faqs/pdfs/qa.pdf>)

### What you Need to Know about Tuberculosis Infection

([https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/pamphlets/tb\\_disease\\_en\\_rev.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/pamphlets/tb_disease_en_rev.pdf))