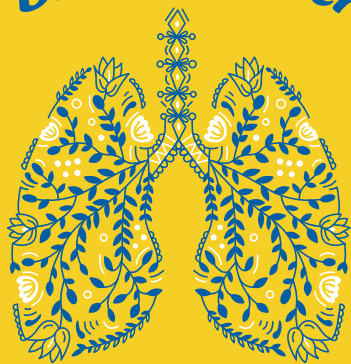


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# **Uniting for Ukraine: Tuberculosis (TB) Screening and Attestation Requirement**

**Everyone two years of age or older who arrives in the United States through the *Uniting for Ukraine* program is required to complete a TB screening and attestation within 90 days of arrival.**

## ***A Conversation Guide for Talking with your Clients about Screening for TB***

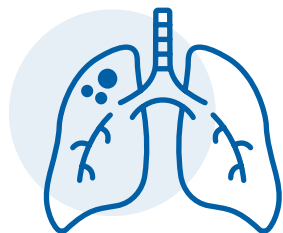
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As a trusted source of information in your community, you can help clients access and complete TB screening to meet this requirement and protect their family, friends, and community from TB.

Here are 3 tips to start the conversation:

### **1 Introduce TB**

TB is caused by bacteria that usually attack the lungs, but can attack any part of the body including the kidney, spine, and brain. Not everyone infected with TB bacteria becomes sick, so two TB-related conditions exist: inactive TB, also known as latent TB infection, and TB disease.



#### **People with inactive TB**

- Do not feel sick
- Do not have any symptoms
- Cannot spread TB to others

#### **People with TB disease**

- Usually feel sick
- Have symptoms that may include:
  - A cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer
  - Pain in the chest
  - Coughing up blood or sputum
- Can spread TB to others

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If left untreated, 1 in 10 people with inactive TB will get sick with TB disease, which can spread to others and be fatal.

Anyone can get TB, but people who were born in or who frequently travel to countries where TB is more common, like Ukraine, have a higher risk for TB.

People can get TB even if they have received the TB vaccine (also called the Bacille Calmette-Guérin [BCG] vaccine) because its protection weakens over time.

## Remember



Remind everyone arriving in the United States through the *Uniting for Ukraine* program to **complete TB screening and the attestation requirement** to protect themselves and their family, friends, and community from TB.

### 2 Review the *Uniting for Ukraine* TB Screening Requirements



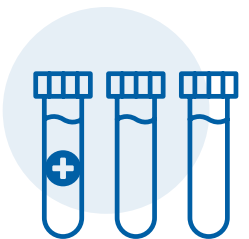
Everyone 2 years of age or older who arrives in the United States through the *Uniting for Ukraine* program is required to be screened for TB, including receiving a TB blood test (also known as interferon-gamma release assay), within 90 days of arrival.

Everyone must attest to completing the TB screening requirement in their United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) online account ([myaccount.uscis.gov](https://myaccount.uscis.gov)) within 90 days of arrival, including minor children and children under 2 years of age, who qualify for an exemption to the TB test screening.

People who have been in the United States for more than 90 days must complete the TB screening and attestation as soon as possible.

Screening and attestation for TB are conditions of parole through the *Uniting for Ukraine* program (<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>). A positive TB test result will not affect a person's *Uniting for Ukraine* parole status.

### 3 Explain the TB Testing Process



The TB blood test is a requirement of the *Uniting for Ukraine* program.

TB screening may be available for free or at a reduced cost through:

- Local or state health departments  
<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/links/tboffices.htm>
- Community health events
- Healthcare providers or clinics

TB blood tests are not affected by prior tuberculosis vaccination (BCG).

During the TB blood test, a small amount of blood is drawn and analyzed at a laboratory for TB bacteria. If a person has a positive test result from the TB blood test, a healthcare provider will do other tests to see if they have inactive TB or TB disease. Both inactive TB and TB disease can be treated.



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