

Guidance on notification of confirmed and suspected active TB patients in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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Recommended procedures for establishing continuity of TB therapy for patients identified with confirmed or suspected active TB and are in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

1. **Ascertain from the detention facility whether the patient is officially in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); ascertain alien number (A#, see below)**
2. If the detention facility is not able to verify ICE custody, communicate with the above contacts at Immigration Health Services, who will try to ascertain custody status, and detention location if the patient is in official custody; please provide as much identifying information as possible, including A#, names, surnames, alias, date of birth, country of nationality, detention facility, etc.
3. For patients who are illegal aliens, in ICE custody, held in a detention or correctional facility that does not have an Immigration Health Services medical facility on site:
 - 3.1. **Please send the following information to the above contacts:**
 - 3.1.1. **Patient's Alien number ("A number"); try to ascertain from detention facility (this will be an eight-or nine-digit number)**
 - 3.1.2. Patient's country of origin; try to ascertain from detention facility
 - 3.1.3. Identifying information [A number, name, alias (if applicable), birth date]
 - 3.1.4. Detention facility name & location where the detainee is currently held
 - 3.1.5. Surveillance information (lab reports are not required)
 - 3.1.6. Cure TB or TB Net enrollment forms (if already enrolled)
 - 3.1.7. Name, address, country, and telephone number of a relative or contact in country of origin
 - 3.1.8. Name, address, and telephone number of a relative or contact in the U.S.
 - 3.2. **Detention facilities: notify your local health department in accordance with local and state regulations**
4. For patients who are illegal aliens, in ICE custody, held in an ICE detention facility or ICE contract detention facility that has an Immigration Health Services medical facility on site:
 - 4.1. Communicate with/share case information with the Immigration Health Services health care providers at the detention facility medical clinic
 - 4.2. It is not necessary to notify Drs. Schneider or Newman of TB cases adequately coordinated with Immigration Health Services medical personnel at the facility
 - 4.3. Contact Drs. Schneider or Newman with any additional concerns
5. Immigration Health Services personnel do not have authority to facilitate continuity of care for patients who are not officially in ICE custody