

# Tuberculosis Program

## Information for Providers

The La Crosse County Health Department (LCHD) screens persons for Tuberculosis and promptly refers them to their Primary Care Provider if needed. The LCHD treats persons, under the direction of their Primary Care Provider, with active TB and those who are most at risk of getting active TB. Successful treatment of TB has benefits both for the patient and our community.

**LCHD** has an outstanding history of TB treatment completion. We can assist in removing obstacles that may prevent a person from completing their TB regime.

### What does our program do?

- Assist TST positive clients with obtaining Chest X-rays, sputum cultures and/or QFT tests.
- Patient and professional education.
- ALT levels drawn upon admission to TB program and after three months of therapy.
- Free TB medication for both latent and active TB clients.
- Medications provided on a monthly basis at the health department.
- Case management and contact investigation for every person with active TB.
- Provide DOT (Direct Observation Therapy) as necessary.
- Collaborate with the State Health Department and health care providers.
- Provide incentives for completion of therapy as needed through American Lung Association.
- There is no charge to client for the above services.

### Who is eligible for this program?

This program is best suited for those with no insurance or who are at risk for not completing treatment; however, all clients and patients referred or presenting themselves for TB services will be assessed according to health department policies, procedures and practices. Care provided, or arranged for, will be done according to WI statutes, rules, guidelines and CDC protocols with emphasis on the protection of the health of the public. Generally, we provide treatment for La Crosse County residents only and refer all others to the Health Department of the county they reside in.

### What you as a provider can do?

- To refer a patient to our program who has tested positive for active or latent TB please fill out Wisconsin Antituberculosis Therapy Program Initial Request for Medication and fax to our health department 608-785-9846.
- **If you have any questions please contact Public Health Nursing at 608-785-9723.**
- Visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services—Tuberculosis Program for provider resources regarding Tuberculosis.