KERN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Tuberculosis Healthcare Provider Symposium



September 17, 2026 | **5:30 - 8:00 pm**

The Warehouse at Luigi's Restaurant and Delicatessen
725 E 19th St, Bakersfield, CA 93305

Dinner will be provided.

Objectives:

- Understand Active TB Cases in Kern County including key demographic breakdowns.
- Understand the basics of tuberculosis (TB) disease and latent TB infection (LTBI), and the differences between them.
- Define the burden of TB globally and in California and explain the relevance of LTBI in California.
- Identify patient populations at risk for TB and how to test for TB infection, including preferential use of interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) testing for non-U.S.-born persons.
- Understand the importance of diagnosing and treating LTBI to prevent TB disease and describe and apply preferred short-course LTBI treatment regimens to improve treatment completion outcomes.
- Describe and perform a proper clinical evaluation to exclude TB disease and describe and apply next steps in care for a patient with TB disease including reporting, treatment regimens, and case management.
- Identify mechanisms to report TB cases to Kern County Public Health.

This is a free event.

Contact us at (661) 321-3000 for more information.

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Agenda

5:30-6:00	**Registration**	
6:00-6:05	**Welcome & Introduction**	**Brynn Carrigan** Director Kern County Public Health
6:05-6:30	**Kern County TB Statistics Review**	**Paul Rzucidlo** MPH, CPH, CIC, Assistant Division Director of Health Services Kern County Public Health
6:30-7:30	**Tuberculosis: Opportunities for Prevention**	**Dana Black Melgares** RN, MPH, CIC, Tuberculosis Prevention Nurse Consultant California Department of Public Health
7:30-8:00	**Your Partner in TB Care**	**Kim Hernandez** MPH, Division Director of Health Services Kern County Public Health
8:00-8:05	**Closing Remarks**	**Brynn Carrigan** Director Kern County Public Health

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