

# Tuberculosis Control Unit

## *What is Tuberculosis?*

*It is a disease that is spread when someone with active Tuberculosis (TB) expels the germs by coughing, laughing, or singing and another person inhales the germ.*

### *What is the TB Record Bureau or TB Registry?*

This is a record file maintained at the Stark County Health Department which records active and or inactive TB cases, contacts, suspects, and positive reactors.



### *What is directly observed therapy (DOT)?*

This where a nurse or other trained person observes a patient taking his/her medications.

## *TB Control Unit Responsibility*

1. Monitor all cases of Stark County TB.
2. Report all cases of TB to the state and complete updates on cases.
3. Keep a TB Record Bureau or TB Case Registry.
4. Provide assistance with TB medications for active TB cases who need financial assistance.
5. Provide assistance with chest x-rays for positive reactors who need financial assistance.
6. Manage and approve incentives to encourage patients to complete therapy.
7. Provide education, statistics, and information to providers and local health departments as needed.
8. County contact to resolve issues relating to TB.
9. Initiates detention process when patients are not complying.
10. Provides directly observed therapy (DOT) to Stark County TB patients (each health department will provide for their jurisdiction).

**[Click here for TB stats and information.](#)**

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