Latent Tuberculosis Infection

Affects more than...

11 MILLION people in the US

People who live or work somewhere in the United States where TB disease is more common (homeless shelters, prison or jails, or some nursing homes)

People from a country where TB disease is common (most countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Russia)

People with HIV infection or another medical problem that weakens the immune system

People who have spent time with someone who has TB disease

People who use illegal drugs

The CDC recommends that certain people should be tested for TB bacteria because they are more likely to get TB disease, including:

TB tests are generally not needed for people with a low risk of infection with TB bacteria.

Without treatment, 5 to 10% of infected persons will develop TB. Among those 5 to 10%, 50% of people with latent TB will develop TB within first 2 years of infection onset.