



TB Control, Messaging & VESTA®

Procedure:


1. TB Control identifies an outbreak of tuberculosis within the shelter system or homeless community of Hamilton County.
2. TB Control provides The Partnership Center, Ltd. (PCL) Senior Database Analyst the known information about the outbreak (who, what type of TB, etc.).
3. PCL matches the data of known infected clients with all clients that VESTA indicates they were in contact with during the time period in question.
4. PCL and TB Control together determine if/how to narrow down the contact investigation warning list.
5. By law, the contact investigation list is provided to TB Control by PCL.
6. The pill bottle icon appears next to all names on the Active Client List of clients who have been exposed to TB.



What do you do when you see this pill bottle icon next to your clients name in VESTA?

TB Messaging System:

When it is determined that another homeless person has been exposed to TB and might have contracted the illness a *Pill Bottle Icon* will appear next to the clients name in all programs that they are *active* in.

HMIS Users who see the  *Pill Bottle Icon* should click on the icon and a message will appear. The message will instruct you to tell your client that they have been exposed to TB and ask if they have two or more of several symptoms. If they do you will be instructed to call a TB nurse for immediate assistance. If they have no symptoms, or less than two symptoms, they should be referred to TB Control for a TB test as soon as possible.

When you have delivered the message to the client you may click the "message delivered" box in the message and it will disappear from the client's record. If you have only read the message and have not delivered it to the client just exit out of the message without clicking message delivered and it will be there when the client returns to your program for delivery.

The TB Control system was deployed to VESTA in October, 2008 by The Partnership Center, Ltd.