

World TB Day Soundbites

Dr. Jonathan Mermin on World TB Day

“World TB Day celebrates the strides we’ve made in TB prevention and control, and acknowledges the work ahead of us on the path to elimination. Although TB is preventable and curable, thousands of people in the United States still suffer from the devastating effects of this disease.” - Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of CDC’s National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

Dr. Jonathan Mermin on CDC’s dual approach to accelerating progress

“TB rates are slowly declining in the U.S. But, to achieve elimination, we need to massively expand testing and treatment for up to 13 million people in the country with latent TB infection who every day live with the potential of developing TB disease at some point in their lives unless they are treated.

We also need to continue to find and treat cases of active TB disease, including responding rapidly to outbreaks of TB that continue to occur throughout the nation.” - Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of CDC’s National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

Dr. Jonathan Mermin discusses technology’s role in TB prevention

“CDC is harnessing technology and innovation to maximize every dollar in the fight against TB, like gene sequencing of TB bacteria to rapidly identify and control outbreaks.” - Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of CDC’s National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

Dr. Jonathan Mermin discusses TB elimination

“Through our shared commitment with health departments and health care providers, I am optimistic that there will be a day when there are very few new infections and no more deaths from TB. With help from many partners, we can confine TB to the pages of history and make TB elimination a reality.” - Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of CDC’s National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention