Up to 13 million people in the U.S. have latent tuberculosis (TB) infection.

**Latent TB Infection**
- Latent TB infection means TB germs are in the body, but not enough to cause sickness or spread germs to others.

**TB Disease**
- If TB germs become active & multiply, latent TB infection can turn into TB disease.

**1 in 10**
- Without treatment, 1 in 10 people with latent TB infection will develop TB disease.

**People Who Should Be Tested for TB Infection Include:**
- Contacts of people with TB disease.
- People from countries where TB disease is common.
- People with health problems that make it hard to fight TB disease.
- People who spend time in places where TB is more common.

**Treating Latent TB Infection Prevents TB Disease.**
- A skin test or blood test can find TB infection.
- Shorter regimens help patients finish treatment.

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- Treating latent TB infection is less costly than treating disease.

**Eliminating TB Requires Expanding Testing & Treatment of Latent TB Infection. CDC Works To:**
- Engage Affected Communities & Medical Providers.
- Promote Effective Testing & Treatment Options.
- Develop New Guidance & Tools.

To learn more about latent TB infection: [www.cdc.gov/tb](http://www.cdc.gov/tb)