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.
- 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
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