



Epi Update for Friday, March 25, 2022

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Items for this week's Epi Update include:

- **New CDC *Legionella* resources available**
- **Tick-borne encephalitis vaccine recommendations for U.S. travelers approved**
- **Infographic: World TB Day**

New CDC *Legionella* resources available

CDC has updated its *Legionella* Environmental Assessment Form used to document a facility's water systems and determine the need for sampling and mitigation. To make the assessment more user-friendly, CDC has also created a *Legionella* Environmental Assessment Form Marking Guide to walk users through the updates by providing instructions and additional considerations.

CDC has also developed a new webpage specifically for vacation rental property owners and managers. The new webpage, along with the accompanying PDF file, describes the risk for contracting Legionnaires' disease from vacation rental properties and how to reduce that risk.

For more information, visit:

www.cdc.gov/legionella/health-depts/environmental-inv-resources.html.

Tick-borne encephalitis vaccine recommendations for U.S. travelers approved

On February 23, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) approved recommendations for the use of a newly licensed vaccine against tick-borne encephalitis (TBE). Tick-borne encephalitis is a rare, but potentially serious disease that can be found in parts of Europe and Asia. The vaccine, TICOVAC (manufactured by Pfizer), has been available in Europe for more than 20 years, but it has only recently become available in the United States for use among travelers visiting TBE endemic countries and for laboratory workers.

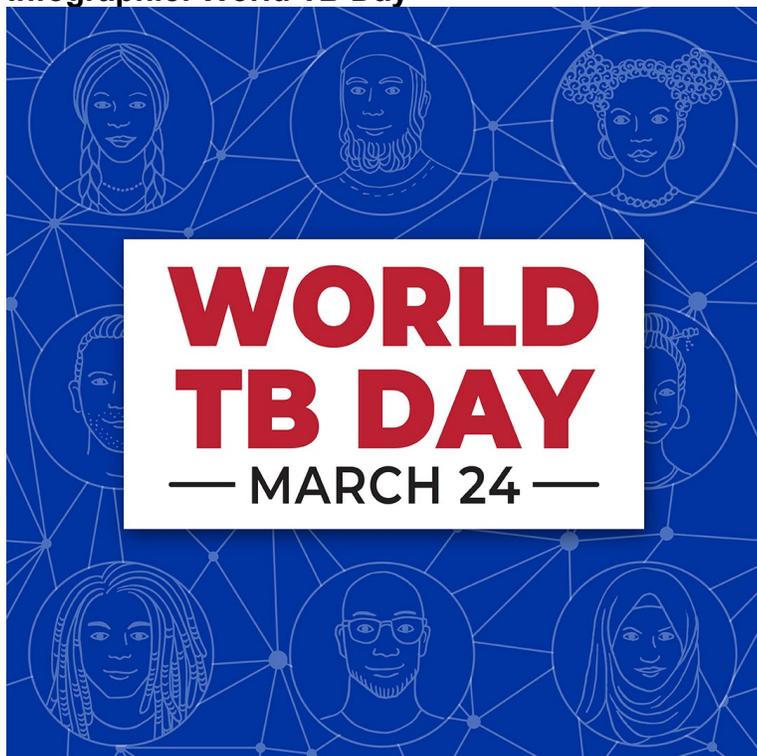
The risk for TBE is very low for most travelers visiting countries where TBE is found. However, travelers are at increased risk if they plan to:

- visit areas with TBE when ticks are most active (April through November).
- take part in outdoor activities in or near forested areas such as hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, or birdwatching.

All travelers visiting countries with TBE should take steps to avoid tick bites. Individuals who plan to travel during the warmer months of the year and participate in outdoor activities should discuss the need for vaccination with their health care provider.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/tick-borne-encephalitis.

Infographic: World TB Day



To view in full size, visit: www.cdc.gov/tb/worldtbdays/Share_Rsrc.htm.

Have a healthy and happy week!

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