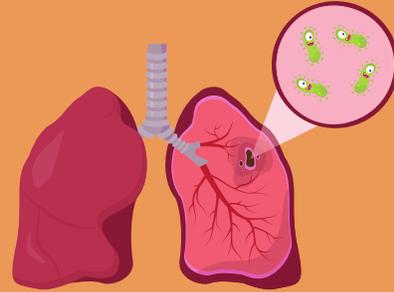


# TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

## WHAT IS TB?

TB is a disease caused by germs (bacteria) that are spread from person-to-person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the kidney, spine, and brain.

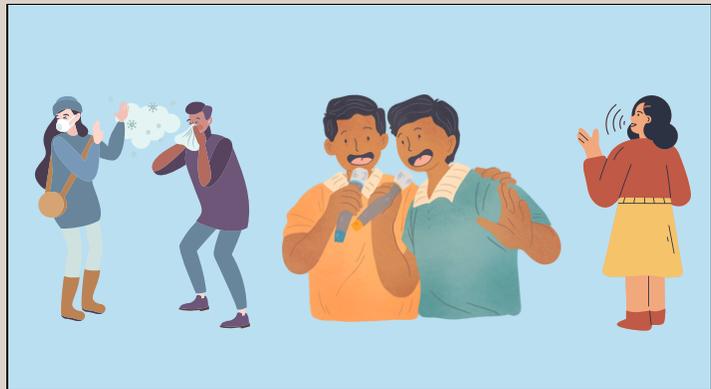
## TB Germs (Bacteria)



## HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

The TB bacteria are spread through the air when a person with active TB disease of the lungs:

- Coughs
- Sings
- Laughs
- Speaks



## WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

TB can be in the body sleeping as latent TB infection or awake as active TB disease. Medicine can cure both latent TB infection and TB disease. The only way to know if you have TB in your body is by getting a TB test. Talk to your doctor about getting tested. If positive, take medicine.

### Latent TB Infection

- You have no symptoms.
- You **do not** feel sick.
- You **cannot** spread the TB germs to others.
- You can prevent getting TB disease by taking pills.

### Active TB Disease

- You might have symptoms.
- You may feel sick.
- You can spread TB germs to others.
- You can cure TB disease by taking pills.