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Now that we've changed our calendars over to August, I'm struck by the thought of what this simple change means amongst our TB-focused group. For me, working in a TB program by day, August means the release of our Annual Performance Report (APR) guidance. Therefore, August already feels full of early mornings and late nights working on budgets and reporting!

For others, August may mean a return to school and another potential congregate setting to be concerned with. For many, August 24th is already a familiar deadline/date, related to the National Science Foundation (NSF) proposed rule. For some, it's a month of covering for colleagues on vacation, or even better, being the colleague on vacation! Whatever your August may look like or be focused on, I hope we can all take a moment to recognize the wonderful TB community we find ourselves in. A community that uplifts one another just as quickly as it steps in to support. Thank you all for your contributions to both the Stop TB USA community as well as the overall TB community. **#EndTB!**

-Krystle Mallory, BSN, RN-BC, Stop TB USA Secretary



DC UPDATE

Raising our collective voice works! We are thrilled that the Administration has committed to release \$600 million in overdue, congressionally appropriated funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance! Our voices, combined with our TB Roundtable allies, achieved this win. More good news: [The End TB Now Act of 2026](#) has been reintroduced in the Senate by Senators Todd Young and Jeanne Shaheen! This is the globally-focused policy bill that makes eliminating tuberculosis a top priority for U.S. foreign assistance and global health security. It sets

ambitious, measurable targets. It is bipartisan, your Senators should co-sponsor it, and your Rep. can be an original co-sponsor!

The Capitol Switchboard number is 1-202-224-3121, and here is a sample script: As your constituent and a public health advocate, I urge you to co-sponsor the End TB Now Act of 2026. Since TB anywhere is TB everywhere, we cannot afford to risk further increased rates of transmission or drug resistance. Four years of increased cases, drug price increases, and staff burnout all require more resources. [Add a sentence about why you care.] For more information or to sign on, please contact:

[Select according to match their party affiliation.

If you are calling your Senators:

- gavin_laffoon@young.senate.gov (Young, R-IN)
- philip_oke-thomas@foreign.senate.gov (Shaheen, D-NH)

If you are calling your Representative:

- emma.brue@mail.house.gov (Bera, D-CA)
- johnmark.kolb@mail.house.gov (Salazar, R-FL).]

I look forward to hearing if my member of Congress will co-sponsor. [Leave phone number and email to receive a response.]

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) is complying with the Office of Budget and Management (OMB)'s political control in advance, so we need another round of public comment submissions! Submit a comment to NSF here: Just like for the OMB proposed rule, everyone needs to submit an individualized comment. The structure of the comment will be the same: Introduction, name the provisions or sections that concern you (they don't have section numbers like OMB did), what would change, why it matters that it changes, and why you are asking NSF to strike the rules (be sure to mention tuberculosis/TB research).

Sample topics you can comment on:

- NSF is proposing regulation changes based on the subject-to-change proposed OMB rule, so it is too soon and a potential waste of NSF staff time.
- In April, the Administration fired the entire membership of the National Science Board that oversaw NSF and NSF shouldn't make any significant changes to science policy without reinstating the board and getting approval from the board.
- NSF should not allow the termination of grants at will, per the proposed OMB regulation changes (especially based on changing presidential priorities).
- NSF should not disallow the funding of publications, per the proposed OMB regulation changes. Taxpayers pay for science research, and we should have access to the results.

Here is an online action alert that simplifies the submission process. Be sure to send us and your comment to members of Congress.

Bonus points if you write us at leadership@stoptbusa.org and tell us how your calls/emails went! Your story may be featured in a future TB Wire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Stop TB USA TB & Nutrition Work Group (TBN WG)**, a new initiative dedicated to integrating nutrition into the U.S. tuberculosis response through advocacy, research, and cross-sector collaboration.

Sign up [here](#) if interested!

Call for Papers: IJTLD CRD

The Union is inviting researchers and public health professionals to submit manuscripts for upcoming journal issues focused on advancing knowledge and innovation in lung health and TB. Share your research and contribute to the global effort to end TB.

Help shape the future of Stop TB USA by serving in a leadership role on our Coordinating Board. We are currently accepting nominations for Chair Elect and Secretary. These two positions play a key role in guiding the organization's strategic direction, supporting membership growth, and advancing our mission to end tuberculosis. Whether you're interested in leading long-term initiatives as Chair Elect or helping keep our organization connected and organized as Secretary, we encourage you to consider nominating yourself or a fellow member. Review the position descriptions and submit your nomination through the [form](#)!

TB RESOURCES & REPORTS

The WHO global tuberculosis report 2025: Drug-resistant TB

The World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Tuberculosis Report highlights the ongoing burden of drug-resistant TB worldwide, emphasizing trends in incidence, gaps in diagnosis and treatment, and geographic distribution.

An Action Guide for Communicators at Public Health Agencies

Visit the PHCC Action Guide, which provides practical, peer-informed strategies, and tools to help public health teams strengthen communication, assess challenges, and improve messaging effectiveness.

2025 Provisional TB Data Report Release

Global TB Report: “Progress is Possible: We Know What Works, Let’s Scale It”

Compendium of data and evidence-related tools for use in tuberculosis planning and programming

TB IN THE NEWS

TB INCIDENCE REPORTS:

Tuberculosis case confirmed at Aurora U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility

Colorado health officials confirmed a tuberculosis case at an Aurora ICE detention facility and are seeking access to investigate potential exposures and prevent further transmission.

Possible tuberculosis exposure reported at Cal State San Marcos

Health officials reported a possible TB exposure at Cal State San Marcos and are recommending testing for individuals who may have been affected.

TB ARTICLES:

Tuberculosis after Preventive Therapy in Persons Living with HIV Initiating Antiretroviral Therapy

A recent Emerging Infectious Diseases letter highlights the importance of continued tuberculosis monitoring among people living with HIV, even after completing TB preventive therapy and starting antiretroviral treatment.

Tackling paediatric TB

Children with TB continue to face major barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. Learn how experts are calling for child-centered innovations to close persistent gaps in pediatric TB care worldwide.

FDA advisory panel votes to place popular peptide TB-500 on compounding list

An FDA advisory panel voted to recommend allowing broader pharmacy compounding of the peptide TB-500. The recommendation is not final and still requires FDA review.

AI Tackles Tuberculosis, Identifies Drugs that Penetrate Bacteria Membrane

Researchers used AI to identify drug candidates capable of penetrating Mycobacterium tuberculosis's protective cell membrane, a promising step toward developing more effective TB treatments.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Inflammatory biomarkers of asymptomatic and symptomatic tuberculosis

New research identifies distinct inflammatory biomarkers associated with both asymptomatic and symptomatic tuberculosis, offering promising insights for earlier detection, improved risk prediction, and more targeted TB care.

Associations Between QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus IFN γ Concentrations and Progression to Symptomatic Tuberculosis in Global High-Burden TB Settings

A new study highlights QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus as a promising tool for predicting active TB risk.

Alzheimer's Biomarkers Change After Tuberculosis Vaccination

Researchers continue exploring new approaches to Alzheimer's disease, including therapies targeting amyloid and other disease pathways to slow progression and improve outcomes.

Johns Hopkins scientists develop nose spray DNA vaccine for tuberculosis

A novel nasal DNA vaccine approach showed potential to enhance TB treatment by improving immune responses and helping reduce infection severity in preclinical studies.

EVENTS, CONFERENCES & COURSES

Conferences:

World Conference on Lung Health, The Union

November 17-20, 2026 | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | In person

Courses:

Core Concepts of TB Epidemiology for Public Health Practice

Management of Child and Adolescent Tuberculosis and Resources for Trainers (The Union online)

When TB is the Least of Their Worries: Mini-Course Series

TB 101 for Health Care Workers Training (CDC).

TB Intensive Workshop (Rutgers Health).

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