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GREETINGS!

We recommend you buckle up your seatbelts, because this month is going to be a very exciting ride! There are World TB Day events spread out over four weeks, with the powerhouse follow-up of the combined National TB Conference/The Union-North American Region [conference, April 16-19](#). We especially want to call to your attention the March 14th call-a-thon where our members and allies will be calling our Members of Congress in conjunction with TB survivors who will be making in-person visits in D.C. throughout the day (see more details below). This World TB *month* of learning and action is just what the doctor ordered to **#EndTB!**

DC UPDATE

Support the TB Survivors' Hill Day! The first of two TB Hill Days will be March 14th, where TB survivors and other experts will be making in-person visits with their Members of Congress. You can bolster their message by calling in and leaving a message with your Members' offices!

STOP TB USA
CALL-A-THON!
MARCH 14TH, 2024

Join us in calling your local senators and representatives to support the **End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2023 (S. 288/H.R. 1776)**

Amplify the message TB survivors are delivering in person!

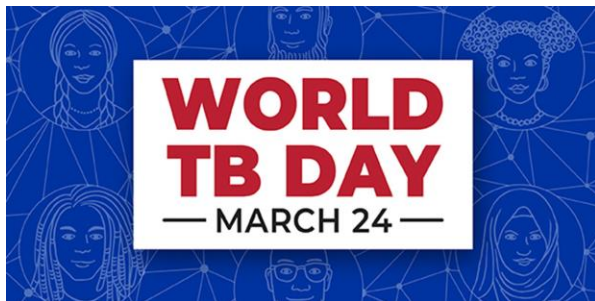
Call the **Capitol Switchboard** at **1-202-224-3121** and ask for your senators and representatives or give your state if you do not know their name

Ask your Members of Representatives and Senators to co-sponsor the **[End TB Now Act, H.1776/S.288](#)**!! Simply call the Capitol Switchboard at **1-202-224-3121** and ask for your senator/representative or give your state if you do not know their name. When you are connected to an office, leave a message with the front desk, or ask to leave a voicemail message for the Health Legislative Assistant. Include your name, phone number, and email so that they can respond.

Sample message: I am a constituent from [*your town*] and I am calling to urge Sen./Rep. _____ to co-sponsor the End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2023. The End TB Now Act, S.288/H.R.1776 has passed through the committees, and I am looking to your leadership to bring it to the floor. The bill outlines a plan and critical actions to align tuberculosis efforts in the U.S. with international efforts. TB, an airborne infectious disease, is once again the leading global infectious disease killer. TB cases and deaths are rising here and abroad. [*Add a sentence about why you care about TB elimination.*] Would the Representative/Senator please co-sponsor this bill?

[Special thanks to Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA), Rep. María Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) for being the lead sponsors. If your Rep/Sen has signed on, be sure to thank them ([Reps here](#), and [Senators here](#))!]

WORLD TB DAY!



Each year, we recognize World TB Day on March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB. World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world.

CDC's [World TB Day digital toolkit](#) has graphics, social media content, and videos to help spread the message to [think, test, and treat TB](#). Visit the CDC's [World TB Day](#) website to learn more.

Additionally, the Stop TB Partnership has launched the [Yes! We can End TB Media Toolkit](#) to unite under this overarching theme and redouble efforts to end TB and save lives, because **#YesWeCanEndTB**.

World TB Day Events:

- [March 14 and 15, 2024 | 2024 Tuberculosis Conference provided by Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, Rutgers Global Tuberculosis Institute, Breathe Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Health Department](#)
- [March 20, 2024 | Indiana World TB Day Summit](#)
- [March 22, 2024 | UCSF World TB Day Symposium & CITC 30th Anniversary](#)
- [March 22, 2024 | NYC World TB Day 2024 - Strengthening our Resolve and Reenergizing Person-Centered TB Care](#)
- [April 5, 2024 | Thomas O. Garvey, MD, JD 4th Annual Public Health Lecture](#)
- **And many more!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Stop TB Partnership Meeting Summary](#)
- [Indonesia Leads Establishment of Global Alliance at UN to Combat Tuberculosis](#)
- [Gates Foundation set for first large-scale tuberculosis vaccine trial](#)
- [This new exhibit honors the Black nurses who cared for tuberculosis patients in NYC](#)

Opportunities:

- [Call for case studies and best practices: Adaptation and implementation of WHO's Multisectoral Accountability Framework to end TB \(MAF-TB\)](#)
- [Notice of CDC Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)

EVENTS, CONFERENCES, & COURSES

- [April 16-19, 2024 | 2024 Tuberculosis Conference](#)
- [April 29, 2024 | Seminar: Macrophage Plasticity during Tuberculosis on April 29, 2024](#)
- [May 6, 2024 | Principles of TB Care and Prevention: Translating Knowledge to Action, 2024](#)
- [September 17-19, 2024 | CDC's Tuberculosis \(TB\) Education and Training Network \(ETN\) and TB Program Evaluation Network \(PEN\) Conference](#)
- [Every Tuesday in April | Wisconsin TB Summit](#)
- [Every Tuesday | Weekly TB Project ECHO® sessions, 12:30-1:30pm Pacific Time](#)
- [Monthly | SEATRAC Seminar Series](#)

TB RESOURCES & REPORTS

- [Tuberculosis Prevention: Health Disparities and Ethnic Populations](#)

- [Tuberculosis preventive treatment: rapid communication](#)
- [Evidence and research gaps identified during development of policy guidelines for tuberculosis](#)
- [Substantial Increase in Tuberculosis in California: Recommendations for California Healthcare Providers](#)

Read more resources and reports on our website page [‘From TB Wire’!](#)

TB IN THE NEWS

TB Articles:

- [Tuberculosis cases rise, but public health agencies say they lack the resources to keep up](#)
- [Rising Tuberculosis Cases in the United States: A Call for Increased Awareness and Resources](#)
- [What Will It Take to End Tuberculosis?](#)
- [How T cells combat tuberculosis](#)
- [Why have efforts to eradicate TB been so slow?](#)
- [Research links prison time with increase of TB](#)

TB Incidence Reports:

- [Tuberculosis Exposure Reported at Sweetwater High School](#)
- [UW experts weigh in on active tuberculosis case on campus](#)
- [Tuberculosis case confirmed at Har-Ber High School](#)
- [U.S. Safety Protocols Stopped TB in Imported Lab Monkeys From Spreading to Humans](#)
- [Positive tuberculosis case confirmed by ASD at Central Middle School](#)

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JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Latent TB Testing Strategies May Miss High Risk Populations](#)
- [Novel approach identifies people at risk of developing TB](#)
- [Upstaging of Tuberculosis in the Post-COVID-19 Era: A Case Series](#)
- [Perspectives on Development and Advancement of New Tuberculosis Vaccines](#)
- [Tuberculosis: Cliché or Outsider?](#)

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