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**To:** Health Care System Partners  
**From:** Communicable Disease Control Team/MOH Dr. Zimbalatti  
**Date:** October 9, 2024  
**Re:** **Updates to Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Recommendations for Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes in the NBPSDHU area**

Dear Health Care System Partners,

The Health Unit has updated recommendations for screening of residents being admitted to Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes to align with guidance provided in the [8th Edition of the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards \(2022\)](#) and considering the low incidence of Tuberculosis in our area.

Please see the accompanying document titled, **“Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Recommendations for Long-Term Care Home (LTCH) and Retirement Home (RH) Residents”**.

Highlights of the changes include no longer recommending a PA and Lateral chest x-ray for residents over 65 years of age or Tuberculin Skin Tests for residents less than 65 years of age being admitted to LTCHs/RHs. All residents are recommended to have an assessment of likelihood of respiratory TB and a symptom screen to rule out active TB, preferably prior to and on admission.

If you have any questions, please contact your designated Public Health Nurse or the Communicable Disease Control (CDC) Team at 705-474-1400 or toll free at 1-800-563-2808, ext. 5229.