Assessing Your Shelter Guests' Risk for TB

Below are some characteristics of shelter populations that may help you to determine if your shelter guests are "high risk" for TB. You may use this assessment to help make decisions about LTBI testing (TST or IGRA), symptom screening and what kind of education might be most helpful for your shelter. If you answer "yes" any of the following questions, your shelter population may be considered to be at a "high risk" for TB infection.

Are your shelter guests:

- Single adults?
- Chemically dependent?
- Chronically ill?
- Frequently incarcerated?
- Chronically homeless?
- Coming to your shelter from urban areas outside of yours?
- Coming to your shelter from other countries where TB is common?

❑ Do your shelter guests sleep in a common sleeping area, where beds are closer than 6 feet apart?

❑ Does your shelter population "turn over" more than once per week? Is your shelter located in an urban setting?

❑ Have there been TB cases in the community where your shelter is located?

*Call your local TB Control or Public Health Department for guidance if you suspect TB