

**For the General Public** The lungs are the most common site for TB disease, accounting for approximately 75% of reported cases. Patients with either pulmonary (lungs) or laryngeal (throat) TB are considered infectious. All infectious cases require a contact investigation by the local health department to identify contacts who:

- Have TB disease so that they can be given treatment, and further transmission can be stopped.
- Have Latent TB Infection (LTBI) so that they can be given treatment for LTBI, and active disease can be prevented.

For more information – click here ['The TB Contact Investigation'](#)

**For Local Health Departments**

**Consultation:** County health departments in Iowa are responsible for conducting investigations of infectious TB. The TB Control Program Manager and TB Nurse Consultant will provide direct consultation to health departments on each case of infectious TB. Consultation consists of:

- When to initiate a contact investigation
- Assigning priorities to contacts
- Diagnostic and public health evaluation of contacts
- When to expand a contact investigation
- Data management of contact investigations

**Contact Investigation Forms:** Please see the link below for the blank version of the contact investigation form. The interactive form is available via a web-based reporting system called the Tuberculosis Control Information System (TCIS). Access to this reporting system is granted by the TB Control Program Manager. Health departments using this system are able to efficiently manage contacts demographic/medical evaluation information in a secured reporting system.

[TCIS blank form](#)