



## Tuberculosis and Refugee Health Services Branch

### Train the Trainer Tuberculosis (TB) Phlebotomy Class Announcement

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Tuberculosis and Refugee Health Services Branch is now accepting requests to co-host **Train the Trainer TB Phlebotomy Classes** at regional and local health departments across Texas.

The goal of the trainings is to enhance regional and local tuberculosis (TB) programs' capacity to collect blood specimens for TB screening. Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRA), a blood test is the standard method to screen for TB in Texas.

Trainings will be provided at no cost to regional and local TB programs and community based organizations that screen populations at high risk for TB. Travel costs are not included.

For each scheduled phlebotomy training, DSHS will:

- ✓ Provide a certified phlebotomist trainer;
- ✓ Prepare training announcements;
- ✓ Create a registration web link;
- ✓ Prepare an agenda;
- ✓ Provide continuing education credits;
- ✓ Provide testing supplies (except sharps containers); and,
- ✓ Provide phlebotomy Training Informed Consent Form.

The co-host TB program will:

- ✓ Provide a suitable training room;
- ✓ Provide audio visual equipment for presentations;
- ✓ Distribute training announcements to staff and local agencies;
- ✓ Provide sharps containers and biohazard disposal;
- ✓ Facilitate IGRA webinars by QIAGEN and Oxford laboratories if needed; and
- ✓ Identify at least one trainee with training skills who may become a designated trainer.

The class size requirement is 10-15 participants. If the minimum number of participants is not met ten days before the class start date, the course may be canceled.

The two-day training curriculum includes a didactic and practice session. Participants must attend both days from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and accept the [Phlebotomy Training Informed Consent](#) prior to registration.

Health departments interested in co-hosting a training should send the *Train the Trainer TB Phlebotomy Class Request* (form F12-14729) to DSHS Tuberculosis and Refugee Health Services Branch at [CongregateSettings@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:CongregateSettings@dshs.state.tx.us) or fax to 512-533- 3167. For questions, please contact Raiza Ruiz [raiza.ruiz@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:raiza.ruiz@dshs.state.tx.us) or call (512) 533-3154.