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Dear Jail Administrator:

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Annual Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Report is available for your review. This report is a summary of TB screening activities reported by your facility to DSHS for 2014.

Although TB is a communicable disease transmitted from person to person through the air, it is also a preventable disease. Unrecognized and untreated TB disease in an inmate or employee can have tremendous and sustained impact on the health and wellbeing of all inmates, employees and volunteers. I encourage you to continue increasing TB awareness in your facility to assist staff in recognizing signs and symptoms of TB and ensure prompt reporting.

I also encourage you to establish and maintain ongoing communication with your local health department as they serve as your subject matter expert on TB.

Please contact Raiza Ruiz at (512) 533-3154 or by email at Raiza.Ruiz@dshs.state.tx.us if there are questions relating to the Annual Tuberculosis Screening Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sandra A. Morris'.

Sandra A. Morris, MPH
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