

Frequently Asked Questions on Ordering TB Medications

How do I order TB medications?

*Fill out the appropriate Med Request form located here:

Latent TB Infection (LTBI):

[www.publichealthmdc.com/documents/Latent TB Medication Order Form.pdf](http://www.publichealthmdc.com/documents/Latent_TB_Medication_Order_Form.pdf)

Active Disease:

[www.publichealthmdc.com/documents/Active Disease Medication Order Form.pdf](http://www.publichealthmdc.com/documents/Active_Disease_Medication_Order_Form.pdf)

*Fax to Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) at (608) 266-4858.

How long does it take for the patient to receive TB Medications when ordered through the health department?

*For active TB disease, the prescriptions are immediately filled through a local pharmacy and given to the patient as soon as indicated.

*For Latent TB Infection, medications are ordered through a central pharmacy and mailed to the health department. It can take up to 3 weeks to process the medication order and start the patient on medications. Please do **not** give the patient a prescription for a private fill or provide the patient with a short-term supply of medication. Treatment for Latent TB Infection is not urgent.

What if I want to order Vitamin B6?

Write the name and dosage requested on the “other” line of the Med Request form. This will be either be filled by the central pharmacy or provided by PHMDC, depending on patient.

Do I have to go through the Health Department to order LTBI treatment for my patient?

- No, you do not. You **DO** have to notify Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) when your patient starts treatment for LTBI and when they complete (or do not

complete) LTBI treatment. You can do this by phone call, web report via WEDSS, or completing the LTBI Follow Up Form and faxing it to us at (608) 266-4858.

- PHMDC is available to case manage LTBI clients if your client is having difficulties accessing care, experiencing financial difficulties, or experiencing other barriers that may prevent them from completing LTBI treatment.

What happens once PHMDC gets the Medication Request Form?

- The Medication Request Form is reviewed for completion.
- If information is missing, it is returned to the health care provider for completion.
- If meds are for active TB Disease, a Public Health Nurse (PHN) fills the prescription through a local pharmacy and initiates Directly Observed Therapy (DOT).
- If meds are for LTBI, the PHN contacts the patient to ensure their understanding and acceptance of treatment; then forwards the prescriptions to the State TB Program for fulfillment.

Does PHMDC recommend any ongoing monitoring by the Physician for LTBI treatment?

- This is a medical decision.
- If you want to do ongoing monitoring through your clinic, please indicate this on the form so the PHN can assure the patient goes in.
- PHMDC does not draw labs for ongoing monitoring.
- Please note the assigned PHN will do a symptom review at each visit to monitor for any adverse reactions to the TB medications.