



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



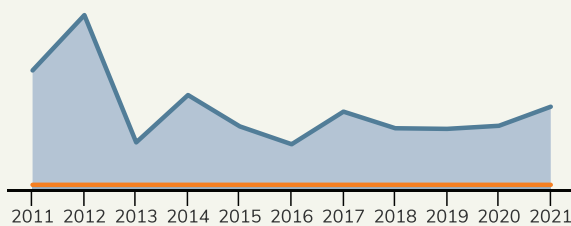
First Nations Peoples and Tuberculosis in BC

First Nations peoples have rich histories of wellness. Colonialism has had damaging impacts on health, including harms caused by tuberculosis (TB). TB is a preventable and curable disease caused by a bacteria that usually affects the lungs. It spreads from person to person through air.

This summary describes TB prevention and care among people who self-identified as First Nations in BC.

Data Source: Panorama (data up to December 31, 2021)

From 2011 to 2021, TB Incidence Rate has decreased, but not enough to end TB



Status First Nations people in 2021:
13.7 PER 100,000

Global target by 2035 (WHO):
1.0 PER 100,000

Some people have higher risk of TB Disease

Between 2016 and 2020

People aged 60+ had **4X** higher TB Disease rates than people <60 years age



1 IN 4 people with TB Disease had a chronic medical condition



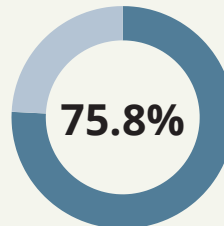
50% people with TB Disease had history of substance use



Treating TB Infection ("Sleeping TB") can prevent TB Disease



Each year **46 people**, on average, started TB Preventive Treatment (2011-2019)



of people who started TB Preventive Treatment in 2019 finished treatment within 12 months

TB Preventive Treatment can help end TB.

Find out more:

www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/respiratory-infections-tuberculosis

www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/tuberculosis