

# Tuberculosis Contact Investigations



## What are Tuberculosis (TB) Contact Investigations?

- 1 TB contact investigations are ancillary tuberculosis (TB) control measures mainly targeted at high-risk contacts.

## Who are high-risk contacts?

- 2 High-risk contacts refer to people with prolonged or frequent close contact with the TB patients within 3 months before the commencement of TB treatment.

## When are Contact Investigations considered?

- 4 Public health nurses will consider whether contact investigations are needed whenever a diagnosis of TB disease is made.

## Why are Contact Investigations done?

### Contact investigations help:

- identify contacts with TB disease, and treat accordingly,
- identify contacts with latent TB infection, and offer them preventive treatment,
- increase awareness among contacts about TB disease and its symptoms, which helps avoid delay in diagnosis.

## What happens during contact investigations?

- 5 Public health nurses will contact the TB patient to collect relevant information for arranging contact investigations. All information is kept confidential.

Think about your contacts. They are your family members and others who always spent time with you. Protect your family and someone close to you.

How long have you been coughing or feeling sick?

What should I do to protect my family and my close friends?

Where do you live?  
Who often spend time with you?  
Do you go to school?

Please give the names and phone numbers of your contacts.



A medical consultation, chest x-ray or tuberculin skin test may be arranged for a high-risk contact.