

AGENDA
2026 World TB Day Webcast
Live, Online from San Antonio, Texas
March 24, 2026

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

- 9:05 am – 9:20 am **Epidemiology in Texas**
Sandra Morris, MPH, Texas Department of State Health Services
- 9:20 am – 9:40 am **Challenges of Public Health Departments**
Tommy Camden, BS, MS, San Antonio City Chest Clinic
Mark Tisdell, MBA, BSN, RN, Houston Health Department
Laura Gomez, RN, Dallas County Health and Human Services
Annett Gonzalez, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, City of El Paso Department of Public Health
Emilie Prot, DO, MPH, FACPM, Texas Department of State Health Services, Region 11
- 9:40 am – 9:55 am **Empowering the Future of Public Health: TCID’s Efforts to Shape TB Care**
Jackson Smith, MPH, CPT, CHW, Texas Center for Infectious Disease
Audrie Torres, Texas Center for Infectious Disease
Ariel Villasenor-Urgo, BSPH, University Health
Mariana Morin, Texas Center for Infectious Disease
- 9:55 am – 10:05 am **Texas Biomedical Research Institute & the Future of TB Research**
Riti Sharan, PhD, Interdisciplinary NexGen TB Research Advancement Center
- 10:05 am – 10:10 am **State Preventative Medicine Training**
Elizabeth Howard, MD, MPH, Texas Department of State Health Services
- 10:10 am – 10:25 am **Notes from the DSHS TB Diagnostics Laboratory**
Benjamin Alpers, BA, Texas Department of State Health Services
- 10:25 am – 10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **New Directions: An Introduction to Patient Tailored Treatment**
Barbara Seaworth, MD, FIDSA, Heartland National TB Center
- 11:00 am – 11:20 am **TB in Pediatric Populations**
Lisa Armitige, MD, PhD, Heartland National TB Center
Kathryn Yoo, MPH, Texas Department of State Health Services
Leigh Riggins, BSN, RN, Texas Department of State Health Services
- 11:20 am – 11:45 am **Short Course TB Regimen: Piloting 4 HPMZ**
Rachel Muñoz, RN, Texas Department of State Health Services
Lisa Armitige, MD, PhD, Heartland National TB Center

- 11:45 am – 12:05 pm **Drug Resistance on the Horizon: Emerging DR-TB Trends, Nursing Practice, & Binational Outcomes**
Catalina Navarro, BSN, RN, Heartland National TB Center
Rachel Muñoz, RN, Texas Department of State Health Services
- 12:05 pm – 12:30 pm **New TB Isolation Guidelines**
Elizabeth Foy, MSN, RN, Texas Department of State Health Services

