



Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals



World TB Day – March 24th

World TB Day, falling on **March 24th** each year, is designed to build public awareness that tuberculosis (TB) remains an epidemic in much of the world today. The theme identified by Stop TB Partnership for World TB Day 2023 is: Yes! We Can End TB.

Tuberculosis is preventable, treatable, and curable with publicly funded medications.

Did you know...

On average, **5-10%** of individuals who have latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) **will develop active TB** during their lifetime (Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 8th edition, 2022).

There were **326 LTBI cases** reported to Durham Region Health Department in 2022.

There are **effective treatments** in preventing the progression of LTBI to active TB disease, including rifampin self-administered daily for four months (Canadian Tuberculosis Standards – 8th Edition, 2022).

There are **five Durham Region pharmacies** (Medical Pharmacies Group Limited) that are able to provide publicly funded TB medications to eligible clients.

- Port Perry - Durham Pharmacy – T: 905-985-8484 / F: 905-985-0827
- Whitby - Byron Street Medical Pharmacy – T: 905-668-9393 / F: 905-668-9632
- Oshawa - Clinic Pharmacy – T: 905-576-9090 / F: 905-576-1533
- Oshawa - Taunton Health Pharmacy – T: 905-434-1311 / F: 905-434-7030
- Courtice - Health Care Pharmacy – T: 905-721-0011 / F: 905-721-0770

Positive TB skin tests must be **reported** to Durham Region Health Department at **905-668-2020** or by confidential fax **905-666-6215**.

Visit durham.ca/TB for more information about tuberculin skin tests, LTBI, and active TB.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

