



Alberta Outbreak Report Form (AORF)

Definitions and Instructions for Tuberculosis (TB)

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Alberta Outbreak Reporting Form (AORF) – Definitions⁽¹⁾ and Instructions for Tuberculosis (TB)⁽²⁾

The following information highlights the exceptions to standard reporting instructions when reporting a TB outbreak.

Page	Section	Difference	TB specific
3	Routine Outbreaks	Section 2 – laboratory confirmed organism identification	Choose ‘Tuberculosis’ from the ‘non enteric’ pull down list
4	Section 1 – Initial Notification	Date Investigation Opened	The date that the secondary case is identified.
4	Section 1 – Initial Notification	Suspected Organism	Choose ‘Tuberculosis’ from the ‘non enteric’ pull down list
9	Section 1 – Initial Notification	Initial # of People ill	Not applicable for tuberculosis, leave blank
9	Section 2 Laboratory Confirmed Organism Identification	Primary Organism Identified	Choose ‘Tuberculosis’ from the ‘non enteric’ pull down list
9	Section 3 – Final Report	Species (Primary, Secondary)	Strain differentiation, if applicable. This field includes all forms of differentiation (e.g., genotyping, MIRU)
10	Section 3 – Final Report	Final # of ill/Cases	The total number of cases for the outbreak: (a) Total number of laboratory confirmed cases (= positive cultures and matching genotyping) (b) Total number of probable cases (= those that are epi-linked to index case without culture confirmation) (c) Sum total of (a) plus (b) will equal total number of those treated.
10	Section 3 – Final Report	Immunization Type (where applicable)	Not applicable for tuberculosis, leave blank
10	Section 3 – Final Report	Adequately Immunized* PRIOR TO/AFTER Onset	Not applicable for tuberculosis, leave blank

(1) These definitions are not intended to have legal interpretations. They provide a short explanation of the terms used or instructions of how to complete the form in order to maximize consistency with data collection.

(2) For the purpose of this document, any reference to ‘clients’ refers to patients, students, childcare attendees, restaurant patrons, hotel guests and other individuals (other than site staff) relevant to the outbreak. Examples provided in this document are not all-inclusive. They are included to provide guidance to the person completing the form. Please refer to disease specific case definitions in the [Alberta Public Health Disease Management Guidelines](#) for identifying confirmed, probable and suspect cases.

Appendix 1: Revision History

Revision Date	Document Section	Description of Revision
May 2022	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Template• Updated fields and definitions based on revised AORF form