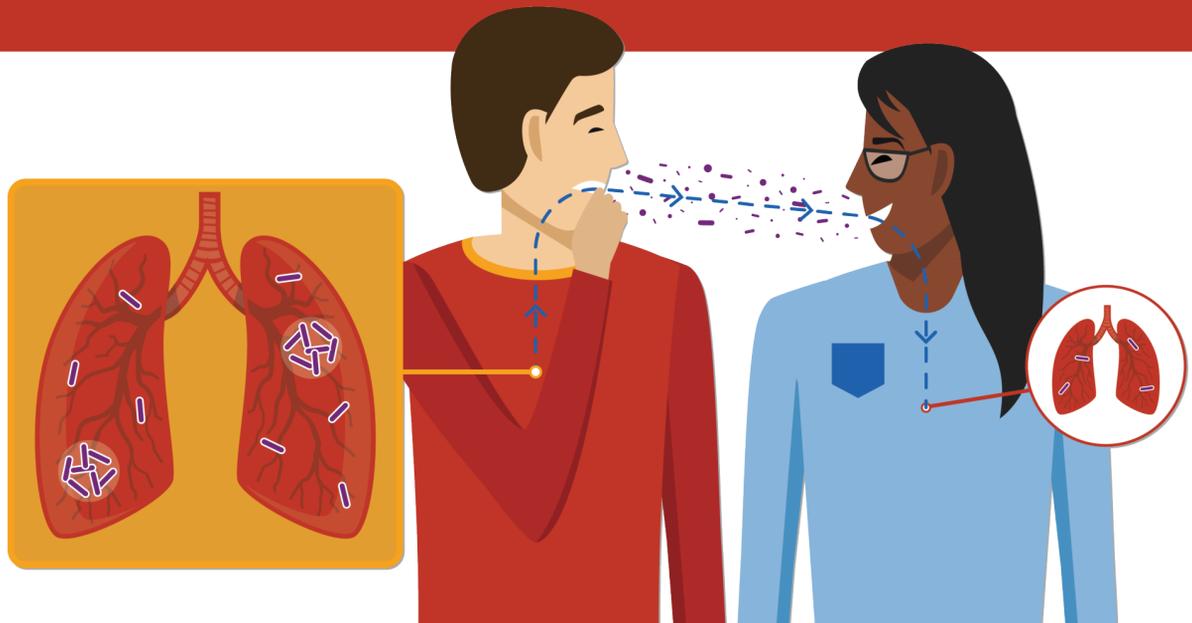


# STOP TB

Tuberculosis (TB) **spreads through the air** from one person to another.

- TB germs spread when a person with infectious TB disease **coughs, speaks, or sings**.
- TB germs usually **attack the lungs** but can also move to any part of the body.



TB germs can live in the body **without making you sick**.

This is called **latent TB infection** or **inactive TB**.

- TB germs can live in your body for years without causing symptoms. Without treatment, **inactive TB can develop into active TB disease and make you sick**.
- If you have inactive TB, you can take TB medicine to **prevent the development of active TB disease** even if you do not feel sick.

If your body cannot stop TB germs from growing, **you develop active TB disease**.

- You may **feel sick** and **spread TB germs** to your family, friends, and others around you.
- You need to **take and finish all your TB medicine** to help you feel better and prevent other people from getting sick.

**Symptoms of active TB disease:**



Cough lasting 3+ weeks



Coughing up blood or sputum (*phlegm from deep inside the lungs*)



Chest pain



Weakness or fatigue



No appetite



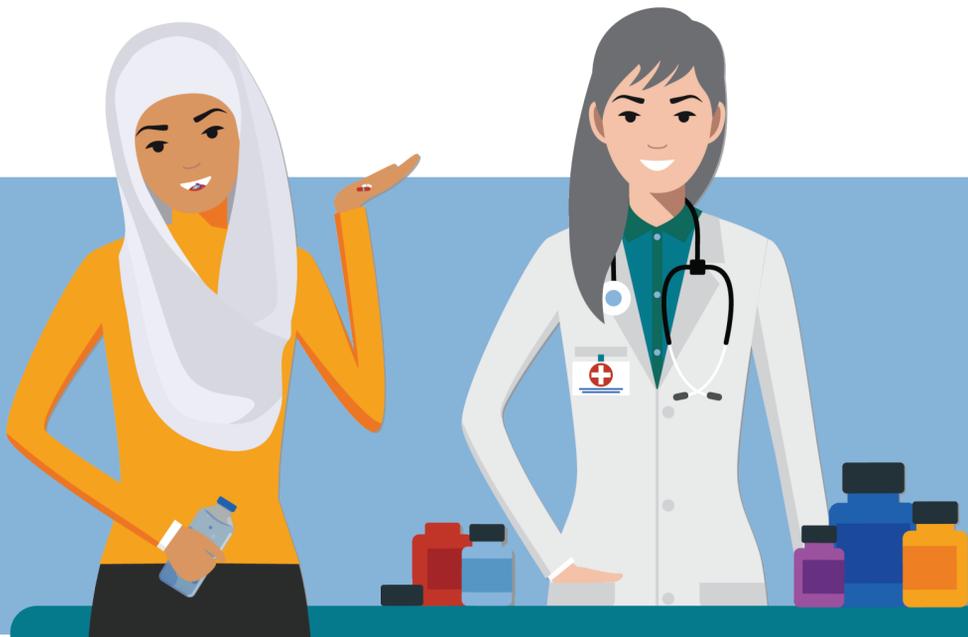
Weight loss



Fever and/or chills



Night sweats



Take and finish all of your TB medicine to **kill TB germs** and **STOP TB!**