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Nebraska 2022 Annual Report

The Tuberculosis (TB) Program has released its 2022 TB numbers. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) continues to partner with local health departments, federal agencies, correctional facilities and the international community to prevent and control TB in Nebraska. The program continues to see high risk populations affected by drug resistance, Human Immodeficiency Virus (HIV), and other comorbid conditions.

Directly observed therapy (DOT) is the standard of care for all active disease patients. DOT means a healthcare worker watches the patient swallow the TB drugs to ensure treatment is administered successfully. Local health departments oversee DOT and provide case management services across Nebraska. Residents of Nebraska who lack insurance or are underinsured may utilize the DHHS TB Program for latent TB infection medication. The TB program uses Mayo TB Center of Excellence for TB educational needs and expert medical consultation.

Tuberculosis Cases in Nebraska by Year

Health Department or District						
Name	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Central District HD	*	*	*	*	*	9
Dakota County HD	*	0	*	0	*	7
Douglas County HD	13	8	16	10	15	62
East Central HD	0	*	*	0	0	*
Elkhorn Logan Valley HD	*	0	0	0	0	*
Four Corners HD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster County HD	*	*	8	*	*	24
Loup Basin Public HD	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Central District HD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northeast Nebraska Public HD	0	0	0	*	0	*
Panhandle Public HD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Health Solutions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sarpy Cass Counties HD	*	*	*	0	*	8
South Heartland District HD	0	0	0	*	0	*
Southeast District HD	0	0	0	*	0	*
Southwest Nebraska Public HD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three Rivers Public HD	*	0	0	0	*	*
Two River Public HD	*	0	*	*	*	8
West Central District HD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	16	33	22	29	127

Footnote: * indicates those cells with count of 1-5

Data obtained from National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS)

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