

TAC Infection Control Campaign

Tuberculosis (TB) can be spread through the air when people cough or sneeze. Clinics and health facilities should do certain things to reduce the likelihood of TB spreading – infection control.

TAC will be carrying out a survey to find out how well our clinics and health facilities are doing at stopping the spread of TB.

Questions:

1. Are the windows open?
2. Is there enough room in the waiting area?
3. Are there posters telling you to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing?
4. Are you seen within 30 minutes of arriving at the clinic?
5. Are people in the clinic waiting area asked if they have TB symptoms?
6. Are people who are coughing separated from those who are not?
7. Are people who cough a lot or who may have TB given tissues or TB masks?

Rate your clinic:

Three or more questions answered “NO” = RED

One or two questions answered “NO” = ORANGE

0 questions answered “NO” = GREEN

How to report your findings:

1. Rate the infection control in the facility **green, orange, or red** as described above.
2. Send a message via WhatsApp or SMS to 081 818 8493 with the following information:
 - 2.1. The rating (green, orange, or red)
 - 2.2. The name of the facility and province (Please make sure spelling is correct)
 - 2.3. A picture of the facility (try to get one of the waiting area and one of the clinic sign/name)
 - 2.4. Answer each question in turn - explain why the facility was rated the colour that you rated it.

Example WhatsApp message:

Green. Ubuntu Clinic Khayelitsha, Western Cape. Very good ventilation, short waiting time.

1. 10 windows are open
2. Lots of room in waiting area
3. Posters telling you to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing
4. Very short waiting time – 10 minutes
5. On arrival people asked by the nurses if they have TB symptoms
6. People who are coughing are quickly separated from those who are not
7. People who are coughing get given masks