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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Health Department to Observe World Tuberculosis Day- TB is Still a Public Health Concern.

DUPAGE COUNTY—The DuPage County Health Department is joining other health departments in Illinois to support the proclamation by Governor Bruce Rauner to observe World TB (tuberculosis) Day on March 24, 2017. The goal is to raise awareness that TB is still present and that it can be fatal.

The success achieved in controlling the spread of Tuberculosis (TB) in Illinois is directly attributable to the efforts of TB controllers at local health departments working toward the goal of TB elimination. However, there is still much work to be done. In 2016, Illinois reported 340 TB cases, only a slight decrease from 343 reported cases in 2015.

TB is a contagious and potentially life-threatening disease that is transmitted from person-to-person through the air when a person with active TB coughs or sneezes. People with TB are most likely to spread the germs to people they spend time with every day, such as family members or coworkers.

You can tested for TB at the health department or at your doctor's office.

In recognizing the goal of the TB Prevention and Control Program is TB elimination, the DuPage County Health Department offers a TB Clinic to residents of the county. Clinic and testing services are offered by appointment only, no walk-ins accepted. Call (630) 682-7400 to make an appointment.

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