To Whom It May Concern:

Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter A requires that all confirmed and suspected TB Cases be reported to the Health Department within one working day.

In order to coordinate quick and efficient services to both confirmed and suspected TB cases who have been identified in your hospital, please forward the essential patient information on the attached TB Suspect/Case Reporting Worksheet to our secured TB fax line at (832) 393-5247. Jenny Arias, Case Registry Supervisor can be contacted for assistance at (832) 393-4799.

The release of medical or epidemiological information to medical personnel, appropriate state agencies or county and district courts to comply with rules relating to the control and treatment of communicable diseases and health conditions is allowed under Texas Health & Safety Code Subtitled D. Prevention, Control, and Reports of Disease, Chapter 81. Communicable Diseases, Subchapter A. General Provisions § 81.001 (Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act. Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989).

We appreciate your timeliness in this request so we can work with you in providing excellent continuum of care.

Sincerely,

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