CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Date: _____

Dear Homeless Service Provider:

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is issuing guidelines for Tuberculosis (TB) Control and Prevention in homeless shelter facilities to assist you in preventing the transmission of TB among staff, volunteers, and clients.

TB is an infectious disease that can spread through coughing and sneezing. It is spread from person-to-person through the air. If untreated, TB can be life threatening. As a homeless service provider, you work closely with homeless individuals to help meet their needs. This makes you a key partner in preventing the spread of TB in homeless shelters. Public Health needs your support to help control the spread of TB disease in Long Beach.

TB prevention and control among homeless individuals may be challenging, but together, we can reduce and even eliminate the spread of TB. These guidelines aim to make this work easier and more efficient. They include tools and procedures to assist with the following goals:

- Increase awareness of TB among staff, volunteers, and clients.
- Assure that clients with TB symptoms are assessed and referred to a healthcare provider in a timely manner.
- Encourage ongoing and confidential screening to help identify and treat TB among staff, volunteers, and clients.
- Increase communication between shelters and public health department staff for disease reporting and coordinating educational updates.

You are key partners in protecting the health and well-being of some of Long Beach's most vulnerable individuals. We thank you for your continued support and sincerely hope these guidelines prove useful in our collective disease control and prevention efforts.

Sincerely,

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