

# World TB Day 2018

## **Dr. Jonathan Mermin on CDC's dual approach to accelerating progress**

"TB rates are slowly declining in the U.S. But, to achieve elimination, we need to massively expand testing and treatment for up to 13 million people in the country with latent TB infection who every day live with the potential of developing TB disease at some point in their lives unless they are treated.

We also need to continue to find and treat cases of active TB disease, including responding rapidly to outbreaks of TB that continue to occur throughout the nation." - Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention