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To mark World Tuberculosis Day on 24 March, ECDC highlights the importance of eliminating childhood tuberculosis (TB). This is achieved through an array of activities and resources. On 18 March, ECDC in collaboration with the Stop TB Partnership is hosting an international meeting on childhood TB in Stockholm, Sweden. Furthermore, on 18 March ECDC launches a dedicated theme site on childhood TB entitled 'Spotlight on tackling tuberculosis in children: towards a TB-free generation'. This site features ECDC's three key messages on childhood TB, the latest surveillance findings and report on TB surveillance in Europe (2009), a short video on 'Childhood Tuberculosis in the EU', and a documentary produced in collaboration with Euronews on children with TB in Europe ("Euronews science special: Tuberculosis in children", airing 21 March at 9:15; with rebroadcasts between 21 March at 18:45 through to 27 March at 19:45).

You may also follow ECDC World TB Day activities on <u>Twitter</u> and on <u>Facebook</u>, or subscribe to our <u>TB-specific RSS feeds</u>.

Please also find an overview of 2010–2011 <u>TB programme activities</u> on the ECDC website.

Online badges

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