

Ohio Revised Code

Section 339.82 Duties of individual diagnosed with active or communicable tuberculosis.

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Except as provided in section 339.89 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply to individuals with tuberculosis:

(A)(1) An individual who has been diagnosed as having active tuberculosis shall complete the entire tuberculosis treatment regimen prescribed for the individual by a physician. The regimen prescribed shall include a course of antituberculosis medication, recommendations for management of tuberculosis, and instructions for following contagion precautions to prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

- (2) If an individual fails to take prescribed antituberculosis medication in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section, the county or district tuberculosis control unit shall establish a procedure under which the individual is required to be witnessed ingesting the antituberculosis medication by individuals designated by the unit. The individual shall take the medication in accordance with the procedure.
- (B) An individual with communicable tuberculosis who is not hospitalized or otherwise confined shall not attend any public gathering or be in any public place that the county or district tuberculosis control unit determines cannot be maintained in a manner adequate to protect others from the spread of the disease. An individual with communicable tuberculosis who cannot be maintained outside of a hospital in a manner adequate to protect others from the spread of the disease shall submit to hospitalization and remain hospitalized.
- (C) An individual with active tuberculosis who intends to travel or relocate shall notify the county or district tuberculosis control unit. The unit shall notify the Ohio department of health when an individual with active tuberculosis relocates. The department shall notify the tuberculosis control unit of the tuberculosis control district to which the individual intends to travel or relocate or the appropriate public health authority of the state to which the individual intends to travel or relocate.

