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## General Comment

There is no minimal data threshold when it comes to highly contagious tuberculosis. Some tuberculosis cases confirmed among migrants in Chicago, health department says. the Chicago Health Department confirmed there are some cases of tuberculosis among migrants newly arrived in the city.

They are not saying exactly how many cases there are, but did say it's a "small number." Tuberculosis is highly contagious so it's likely the number is not that small and the TB is simply dormant in multiple other individuals. The city pointed out that many residents of Central America and South America have latent TB infections, which means they can't pass the illness, but it does cause a positive test result. The city extended its contract with Favorite Healthcare late last month for an additional \$85 million.

It's the third multi-million dollar increase to this contract since late December.

A spokesperson for the mayor said this is all part of an approved city council budget that appropriated \$150 million. That is \$150 million not dedicated to Chicago's homeless and BIPOC populations. But according to this latest contract, the city has given Favorite Healthcare more than \$234 million so far. Measles outbreak in Chicago: What to know about the virus the Chicago Tribune reported. Chicago health officials recorded the city's first measles case in five years earlier this month with an unknown origin, likely Central or South America.

Soon after, an outbreak spread to the city's largest migrant shelter. On Tuesday, Chicago's total sat at 31 cases, with two reported in suburban Will County and Lake County. Chicago is a hotspot in the measles outbreak. Chicago measles case confirmed, first since 2019; possible exposure at 2 locations in February. Measles was considered eradicated in the United States in 2000 but illegals brought it back. Chicago has confirmed its first measles case since 2019, and two locations of potential exposures.

The Chicago Department of Public Health said the case is in a city resident, and the source of the infection is unknown but is likely Central or South America. "Measles is airborne, which means it suspends in the air for multiple hours, even two days after that person was in the vicinity," explained Dr. Nicholas Cozzi, Rush University Medical Center.

Illinois had five confirmed measles cases in 2023, the first the state recorded since 2019 when the last measles case was confirmed in Chicago.