**Timeliness Tool-3**

**Timeliness Data Dictionary**

**Timeliness: Amplified *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTD) Test:** Of the smear negative, culture positive cases that received MTD testing, the average number of days between the date sputum was collected and the date they started TB medication.

**Timeliness: No MTD Test:** Of the smear negative, culture positive cases that did not

receive an MTD test, the average number of days between the date sputum was collected

and the date they started TB medication. Use this calculation as a comparison to those

cases that were MTD tested.

**Timeliness: Lab Sputum Collection:** The average number of days between the date

sputum was collected and the date it was received at the lab.

**Timeliness: Culture:** The average number of days between the date a culture was

received at the lab and the date the result was reported.

**Timeliness: Meds Starting:** The average number of days between the date of the

sputum smear + result and the date they started TB medication. *(Includes only smear +*

*cases)*

**Timeliness Reporting: LHJ- DOH:** The average number of days between the date of

the sputum smear + result and the date the LHJ (Local Health Jurisdiction) reports the

case to DOH (State Department of Health). *(Includes only smear + cases.)*

**Timeliness Reporting: HCP-LHJ:** The average number of days between the date of the

sputum smear + result and the date the HCP (Health Care Provider) reports the case to

the LHJ (Local Health Jurisdiction). *(Includes only smear + cases)*

**Timeliness Reporting: Lab-LHJ:** The average number of days between the date of the

sputum smear + result and the date that the lab reports this information to the LHJ (Local

Health Jurisdiction). *(Includes only smear + cases)*

**Timeliness: Susceptibility:** The average number of days between the date of the first

MTB culture positive result and the date that the lab (local or state lab) reports the results

to the LHJ (Local Health Jurisdiction). *(Includes all culture positive cases)*