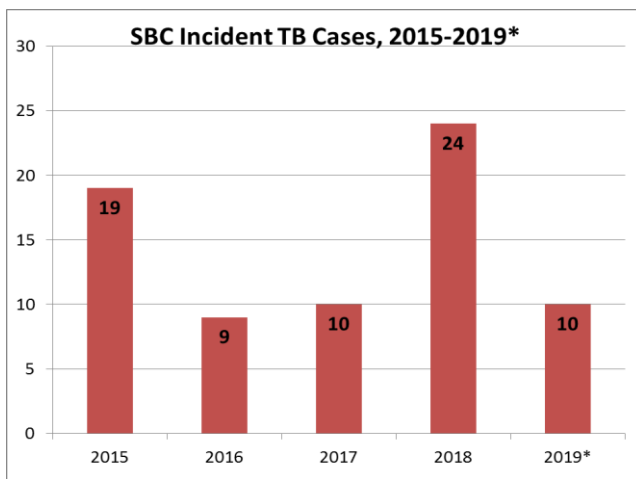


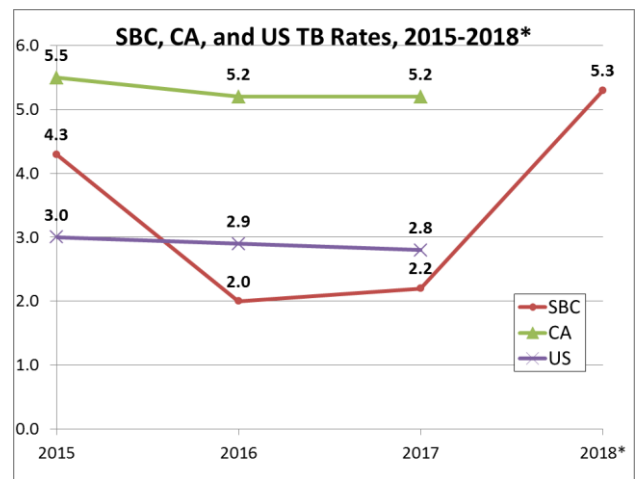


# World TB Day 2019

The theme for World TB Day 2019 is “It’s TIME” to end TB. In 2018, Santa Barbara County experienced a dramatic increase in TB cases from the previous year, and the trend appears to be continuing into 2019. Explanation for the increase in cases in 2018 includes identification of secondary cases during comprehensive contact investigations conducted by our Disease Control staff, as well as high-risk persons with longstanding untreated latent TB infection (LTBI) who went on to develop TB disease. Several of the cases have been complex, including 4 patients on multi-drug resistant regimens. 7 of the patients are children, ranging from ages 9 months to 7 years. In 2019, we have already seen 10 new TB cases, including 1 known TB-related death of a 27-year old person with underlying conditions.

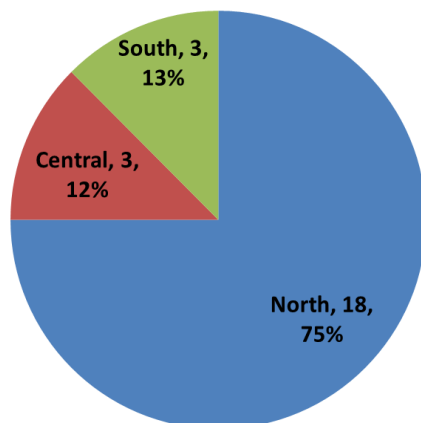


\*2019 data as of 3/22/2019

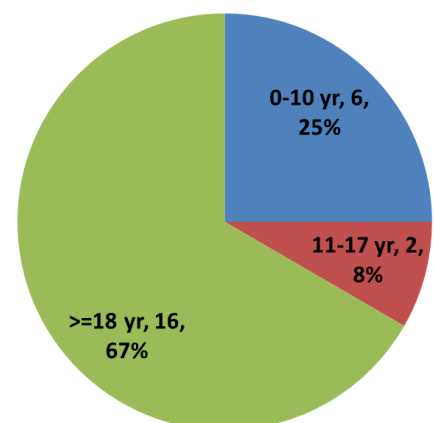


\*2018 TB rates not available for CA or US

Residence of SBC TB Cases, 2018 N=24



Age Distribution of SBC TB Cases, 2018 N=24



Local community providers and health care agencies serving at-risk populations in Santa Barbara County have a critical role in TB elimination that requires a commitment to conduct TB risk assessments on all patients, test those with TB risk factors and treat TB infection.

Immediately report any suspected or confirmed case of tuberculosis by phone (805) 681-5280 and submit a Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) via CalREDIE.

