The COVID-19 pandemic had and is still having a significant impact on the entire health system with interruption of other essential health services such as immunization, antenatal care attendance, and management of illness (TB, HIV, diabetes, cancer, etc.) requiring treatment or therapy for prolonged periods. Unfortunately, the impact is worse among vulnerable groups. As a program manager in the field said: “the lockdown has affected all health indicators negatively and the worse effect will be obvious soon”. The consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on people affected by TB and TB programs include limited access to diagnosis and treatment and interruptions of care and prevention. Since front line health care workers are all mobilized for the COVID-19 response, they are having to neglect other health care provision services including TB.

Objectives and Expectations
This webinar provides an opportunity to hear and interact directly with program managers and health care workers from the field.

Objectives of the webinar is to discuss infection prevention and control (IPC) strategies, precautions and practices to strengthen preparedness and outbreak management of acute respiratory infections (ARIs), and to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing COVID-19.

Expectations are that after this interactive webinar you will be able to define appropriate IPC approaches, precautions and practices and to design a customized COVID-19 response engaging community, facility, and national levels of the healthcare sector while maintaining or restoring essential preventive and curative health services.

MAIN TOPICS
- Transmission
- IPC strategy and precautions
- Patient perspectives
- IPC-related monitoring indicators
- Nigeria case study
- Q&A
- Take home messages

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