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## **TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTED AT GROSSMONT COLLEGE** ***HHSA and School Work Together to Notify Those Who May Have Been Exposed***

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with officials from Grossmont College to notify individuals who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB).

An individual diagnosed with TB attended classes on Mondays and Thursdays from Jan. 26 to Feb. 12, 2009.

"TB is treatable and curable, so anyone exposed to TB should get tested," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. "Most people exposed do not develop the disease, but we recommend that they get tested to be sure."

HHSA's TB Control, working closely with Grossmont College officials, has identified and notified the approximately 30 individuals who were potentially exposed.

"The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is very important to us," said Dr. Sunita Cooke, Grossmont College President. "TB skin testing will be offered by Grossmont College Student Health Services to all individuals who were exposed."

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. In 2009 to date, there are approximately 5 confirmed cases of TB in San Diego County. In 2008 there were 264 total reported cases of TB.

Symptoms of active TB include persistent cough, fever, night sweats and unexplained weight loss. Most people who are exposed to TB do not develop the disease.

Those who need testing and have no medical provider, or need more information, may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

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