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## **COUNTY INVESTIGATES SCHOOL TB CASE** *Felicita Elementary Student Was Treated for Tuberculosis*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is working with Escondido Union School District officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). A student who attended Felicita Elementary School from Nov. 1 through May 16, 2007 was diagnosed with TB.

“HHS is working with the Escondido Union School District to notify the individuals who may have been exposed,” says Dr. Wilma Wooten, Interim County Deputy Public Health Officer. “Public Health Services continually monitors community health issues, including TB, and is committed to educating the public.”

School officials have identified approximately 70 students, teachers and staff who were potentially exposed in classrooms 27 and 41 and in the afternoon SOS Program run by the Palomar YMCA. Students, parents/guardians, and teachers are being notified. Testing is being conducted next week on the campus.

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.

Individuals with no medical provider, or anyone who would like more information, may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. During 2006, there were 315 total cases of TB in San Diego County.

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