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EMPLOYEE WORKING AT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STATION HAS TB *County Health and Human Services Agency, Federal Aviation Agency Working Together To Notify Employees of Possible Exposure*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is working with the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) to notify employees at the San Diego TRACON air traffic control station of a contract employee in the building who was recently diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

“The employee, who is employed by an independent agency, worked throughout the facility,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “While TB is not easily transmitted, we are taking a cautious approach. The FAA is cooperating with our investigation.”

The possible exposure took place from April 1 to Aug. 9, 2007. Individuals who believe they may have been exposed during this time period should consult their physicians.

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.

During 2006, there were 315 total cases of TB in San Diego County.

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