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TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTED AT EDISON PRESCHOOL *County Health and School Officials Working Together to Notify Students and Staff*

An individual at Edison Elementary Preschool was recently diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) and may have exposed students and staff to the disease, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reported today.

HHSA is working with the North Park area preschool and the San Diego Unified School District to notify those who were in close contact with the infected person about their potential exposure to TB. The period of exposure was from Jan. 24 to Feb. 9, 2011.

“County staff will be conducting TB testing at the preschool on Feb. 28. Testing will allow us to identify early infection in individuals before they become ill with TB,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “Once diagnosed, TB can be treated and cured with medication.”

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. Prolonged close contact with an individual who has TB is required in order to spread the disease to others.

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

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. This is the 24th case in 2011. In 2010, there were 222 cases reported in San Diego County.

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