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TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTED AT MESA AND CITY COLLEGES

County Health and School Officials Working Together to Notify Students and Staff

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is working in close collaboration with San Diego Mesa College and San Diego City College officials to notify students and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). The period of exposure was Jan. 24, 2011 to April 15, 2011.

“Public Health Services continually monitors community health issues, including TB, and is committed to safeguarding the public,” said Dr. Eric McDonald, M.D., M.P.H., County Deputy Public Health Officer. “TB can be treated and cured with medication and that’s why it’s so important to identify those who have been exposed.”

Mesa College and City College officials are in the process of notifying the individuals who were potentially exposed. No-cost testing for students, faculty and staff who have been potentially exposed will be conducted at both Mesa College and City College Student Health Services beginning the week of May 2 and continue as needed.

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 who would like more information are asked to call:

- Mesa College Student Health Services - (619) 388-2774
- City College Student Health Services- (619) 388-3450
- County TB Control Program - (619) 692-8621

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. During 2010, there were 222 cases of TB reported in San Diego County and 48 have been reported thus far in 2011.

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