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TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTED AT ESCONDIDO SCHOOL *Students and Staff with Possible Exposure Notified*

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with school officials to notify individuals who may have been exposed to infectious tuberculosis by an Orange Glen High School student.

“School district officials have been notifying the parents of students and members of the school staff who may have been in close contact with the sick student,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon. In 2009 to date, there are 153 confirmed cases of TB in San Diego County. In 2008 there were 264 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. 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.

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