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HHSA CONTINUES SURVEILLANCE OF TB RISKS

Hoover High Student Was Treated for Tuberculosis

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with Hoover High School officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). An individual who attended four classes at Hoover High from October 16, 2006 through December 15, 2006 was diagnosed with TB and treated in December.

“Although the risk is minimal, HHSA is working with the school to notify the individuals who may have been exposed,” said Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego 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 128 students, teachers and staff that were potentially exposed, and sent letters to students and parents Friday. Testing is being conducted this week.

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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