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STUDENT IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE LANGUAGE CLASS HAD TB *Classmates, Faculty, Staff Identified, Recommended to Get Treatment*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with San Diego Community College District officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). An individual who attended Continuing Education language classes at Linda Vista Presbyterian Church Education Center, at 2130 Ulric St. in San Diego from Jan. 2 through March 23, 2007, was diagnosed with TB. The individual is currently on treatment.

"HHSA is working with the school district to notify individuals who may have been exposed," says Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego County Interim Public Health Officer.

"Our close cooperation in quickly responding is what our students and the people of San Diego expect of us," added San Diego Community College District Public Information Director, Richard Dittbenner.

School officials have identified approximately 200 students, teachers and staff that were potentially exposed, and they are being notified. Testing is recommended for anyone who attended the classes and was present 16 hours or more. The classes were held in rooms 6 and 7 from 8:30 - 1:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and room 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Educational sessions on TB and testing will be offered at the class site.

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. The public may also call the Continuing Education Vice President of Instructional Services Office (619) 388-4850 for more information.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in San Diego County. During 2006, there were 315 total cases of TB in San Diego County.

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