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## **HHSa CONTINUES SURVEILLANCE OF TB RISKS**

*Crawford Educational Complex Student Was Treated for Tuberculosis*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa) is working with Crawford High Educational Complex officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). An individual who attended classes at Crawford High Educational Complex's Law and Business campus from February 1, 2007 through May 3, 2007 was diagnosed with TB.

"HHSa is working with the school to notify the individuals who may have been exposed," says Dr. Wilma Wooten, Interim 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 approximately 100 students, teachers and staff that were potentially exposed, and are sending letters to students and parents today. Testing is being conducted next week on the campus.

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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