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WORKER AT SAN DIEGO BARBERSHOP HAD INFECTIOUS TB

Individuals Who Were in Close Contact with Worker are Being Notified

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is taking steps to notify clients of a San Diego-area barbershop where a worker was diagnosed with infectious TB.

The individual worked at Gabe's Barbershop at 1035 8th Avenue, San Diego. Clients may have been exposed between July 22 and Dec. 12, 2006, said Nancy Bowen, M.D., San Diego County Public Health Officer.

"We are working with the shop in order to properly notify clients," Dr. Bowen said. "The worker is being treated for TB and there is no concern about further exposure."

Patrons who were in the shop for one appointment for at least two hours, or for several short visits for up to eight hours, between July 22 and Dec. 12, 2006, should be evaluated. Clients who suspect they may have been infected during this time period should contact their physician. Individuals with no medical provider may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

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.

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