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## **WORKER AT CHULA VISTA NAIL SALON HAD INFECTIOUS TB** *Individuals Who Were in Close Contact with Worker are Being Notified*

The San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is taking steps to notify clients of a Chula Vista nail salon employee who was diagnosed with infectious tuberculosis (TB).

The individual worked at Lisa's Nails at 1177 Broadway St. in Chula Vista. Clients and co-workers may have been exposed between Aug. 1, 2006 and Jan. 26, 2007, said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., San Diego County Deputy Public Health Officer.

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

Clients who were in the shop for an appointment lasting at least two hours, or several shorter visits for up to eight hours between Aug. 1 and Jan. 26, should contact their physician. Individuals with no medical provider may call the County TB 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.

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

"TB is a common infectious disease affecting people in all aspects of their life," added Dr. Wooten.

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