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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**POSSIBLE RARE FORM OF HIV VIRUS WARRANTS CAUTION**

- WHO:** Nancy Bowen, M.D.  
San Diego County Public Health Officer
- WHAT:** Press availability to discuss possible rare, drug resistant form of AIDS
- WHEN:** 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 14
- WHERE:** San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
1700 Pacific Highway  
San Diego
- WHY:** The *New York Times* newspaper has reported that a possible rare, drug resistant, aggressive form of the HIV virus is being investigated by scientists in New York City. A virus from an unidentified San Diego resident is one of two samples being studied to see if either might be the source of this form of HIV detected in a New York City man. The investigation has not yet resulted in definitive answers, however, HHSA wants to give the public as much information as possible, given the possible San Diego connection. This also is an opportunity to re-emphasize guidelines for prevention of the spread of HIV.

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