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PLASMA COLLECTION CENTER REPORTS TB CASE *HHSa and Center Working to Notify Clients, Staff*

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa) is working with Life Sera Plasma Collection Center officials to notify clients and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). An individual who was at the 2850 6th Ave., San Diego location from July 1, 2007 to Feb. 18, 2008 has been diagnosed with TB.

"We are working closely with the center to notify those who may have been exposed," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer.

The center has identified staff and hundreds of clients that were potentially exposed. Employees will receive testing from the company. Clients are urged to see their personal physician.

"Life Sera Plasma Collection Center is cooperating to the fullest extent possible with HHSa," said Jeanette Porretta, a representative of Life Sera. "The Center strives to protect the health and welfare of its clients and staff, and supports the efforts of HHSa to promote public health."

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. This year there have been 12 cases. In 2007, there were 280 total cases of TB in San Diego County. In 2006, there were 315 cases.

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