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VISTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HAS TB *Classmates, Faculty and Staff Are Notified*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with Vista High School officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who may have been exposed to tuberculosis (TB) between March 1 - March 28.

“Tuberculosis is in our community,” says Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “Fortunately, it is curable. We want the public to be informed about TB, in hopes of keeping the disease from spreading.”

“Student safety is our number one concern at Vista High. Parents can be assured that it is safe to send their children to school,” said Larry White, principal of Vista High School. “We are working closely with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency in addressing this matter.”

School officials have identified approximately 120 students, teachers and staff that were potentially exposed and have issued letters to students and parents. Students who may have been exposed to the disease will receive testing on 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 2007, there were 280 cases of TB reported in San Diego County and 46 cases to date this year.

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