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HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HAS TB

*County Health and Human Services Agency, School Officials Working Together to
Notify Classmates, Parents, Faculty and Staff*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with Hoover High School officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). A student who attended the school from March 18 to June 18, 2007 has been diagnosed with TB.

“We are working closely with Hoover High School to notify those who may have been exposed,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer.

School officials have identified approximately 84 students, teachers and staff that were potentially exposed, and have sent letters to students and parents. Letters are notifying students of testing that is available on campus. Testing for notified staff will be offered at the district’s regular staff TB clinic, or staff may choose to see their personal physician.

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 2006, there were 315 total cases of TB in San Diego County.

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