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VISITORS TO CASINO BETWEEN JAN. – MAY ADVISED TO GET TB TEST

Individual at Casino Pauma Diagnosed with TB; Patrons Recommended to See Their Physician

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) advises anyone who spent significant time at the Casino Pauma, 777 Pauma Reservation Road, between Jan. 1 and May 7, 2005 to be evaluated for exposure to tuberculosis.

A patron who was at the casino during this time period was diagnosed with infectious TB, says Nancy Bowen, M.D., San Diego County Public Health Officer.

“We recommend that those who visited the casino between Jan. 1 and May 7 and were there 120 hours or more, contact their physician and request an evaluation that includes a TB skin test,” she said. “The physician may also recommend additional tests if necessary.”

Casino Pauma representatives will post signs to notify patrons of possible TB exposure. The individual has been treated and no longer poses a risk to casino patrons.

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 Branch at (619) 692-8621.

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