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SYCUAN CASINO PATRON HAS TB

*COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, CASINO ADMINISTRATION WORKING TOGETHER TO
NOTIFY PATRONS AND EMPLOYEES*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has notified Sycuan Casino administration that a patron who rode the Bingo bus-South Bay was recently diagnosed with active tuberculosis. Exposure to bus riders and employees is limited to those who rode the bus to Saturday and Sunday evening Bingo.

“We are working closely with the casino administration at Sycuan to notify riders on the bus route who may have been exposed,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer.

Casino patrons who rode the evening Sycuan Bingo 1 Bus-South Bay, for at least 8 or more hours on weekends between April 15 and July 29, 2007, should also consult their physicians. The bus stopped at three locations: Beyer Way and Palm Ave., Saturn Blvd. and Palm Ave., and Morgan Towers/Kimball Park - D Ave. and 15th Street.

County officials also have preliminary information that the patient has a strain of tuberculosis resistant to the medication commonly given to prevent TB after exposure. However, other treatment options are available for individuals who have this form of TB.

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.

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

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