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## **WORKER AT SAN DIEGO HAIR SALON HAD INFECTIOUS TB**

*Individuals Who Were in Close Contact with Worker are Being Notified*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is taking steps to notify clients of a San Diego-area hair salon worker who was diagnosed with infectious TB.

The individual worked at Tommy's Estetica Unisex salon at 3523 El Cajon Blvd., and clients and fellow workers may have been exposed between Feb. 17 and Oct. 24, 2006 said Nancy Bowen, M.D., San Diego County Public Health Officer.

"We are working with the salon in order to properly notify salon clients," she said. "The worker is being treated for TB and is no longer infectious, so there is no concern about further exposure."

People who were in the salon for one appointment for at least two hours, or for several short visits for up to eight hours, between Feb. 17 and Oct. 24, should be evaluated. Clients or workers who suspect they may have been infected during this time period should contact their physician. Individuals with no medical provider may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

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.

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