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WORKER AT CHULA VISTA HAIR SALON DIAGNOSED WITH INFECTIOUS TB *Clients Who Visited the Salon Between January 21, and April 15, 2009 and Show Symptoms of TB Should Get Tested*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is taking steps to notify clients of a Chula Vista hair salon of an employee diagnosed with infectious tuberculosis (TB).

The individual worked at Creative Hair Styles at 231 3rd Street, Suite B, in Chula Vista. Clients who were in the salon for an appointment lasting two hours, or several shorter visits up to eight cumulative hours between January 21, 2009 and April 15, 2009 should contact their physician. As many as 40 regular clients and other walk-in clients were potentially exposed.

“Anyone who is showing symptoms of TB should go to their doctor and get tested,” 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.”

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.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. In 2009 to date, there are 47 confirmed cases of TB in San Diego County. In 2008, there were 264 total reported cases of TB.

Individuals with no medical provider, or anyone who would like more information, may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

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