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## **TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTED AT SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL** *HHSA, School Officials Notifying Students, Faculty and Staff*

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with San Diego High School (San Diego Unified School District) International Studies Campus officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). A student who attended classes from Jan. 7 to April 30, 2008 has been diagnosed with TB.

"TB is in our community, and it is curable," says Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. "Tuberculosis is spread through the air during prolonged contact with a person with TB. If you have symptoms of TB, please contact your health provider."

HHSA TB Control and San Diego High School staff have identified approximately 190 people, including students, faculty and staff that were potentially exposed and are sending letters to students and parents today. Testing will be conducted on campus the week of May 19.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. In 2007, there were 280 total cases of tuberculosis in San Diego County. In 2008 to date, there have been 59 cases 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.

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