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EMPLOYEE AT PALOMAR CARD CLUB HAD INFECTIOUS TB *Patrons and Staff Who Were in Close Contact with Employee are Being Notified*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is working with the Palomar Card Club to notify patrons and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). An employee has been diagnosed with TB.

The individual worked at the Palomar Card Club at 2724 El Cajon Blvd. Patrons and co-workers may have been exposed between Jan. 1 and June 18, according to Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., San Diego County Public Health Officer.

"We are working with the club in order to notify patrons," said Dr. Wooten. "The worker is being treated for TB and there is no concern about further exposure."

Patrons who were in the club at any time for two hours or longer, or several shorter visits totaling at least eight hours between Jan.1 and June 18, between the hours of 2 p.m. to 2 a.m., should contact their physician. Individuals with no medical provider may call the County TB 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.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. During 2006, there were 315 total cases of TB in San Diego County. "TB is a common infectious disease affecting people in all aspects of their life," added Dr. Wooten.

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