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TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTED AT UCSD *HHSA and UCSD Working Together to Notify Students, Faculty*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with University of California, San Diego officials to notify students and faculty who may have been exposed to a student who has been diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB). The student last attended classes on February 19 and emails have been sent to those students, staff and faculty who have been identified as being at risk.

HHSA is working with UC San Diego to provide TB testing to those on campus who may have been exposed.

“HHSA and university officials are taking steps to identify all affected students and staff and notifying them of the potential exposure,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “TB is treatable and curable, but most people who are exposed do not develop the disease. We recommend that individuals speak with their health care provider about getting tested.”

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. Prolonged close contact with an individual who has TB is required in order to spread the disease to others.

Individuals who need testing and have no medical provider, or need more information, may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

Tuberculosis is not uncommon in the San Diego region. This is the 19th case in 2010. In 2009, there were 223 cases reported in San Diego County.

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