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**FOLLOW-UP OF TUBERCULOSIS INVESTIGATION**

**AT *[SCHOOL NAME]* SCHOOL**

Director: ***[name of director]*** Contact Person: ***[name of contact person]***

***[Date]***

# **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The ***[county name]*** County Public Health Department in cooperation with the administration of ***[school name]*** School has completed the second round of tuberculosis (TB) testing. As of today, ***[number]*** students/staff have tested positive for TB infection. They have received a letter from ***[health officer]*** explaining the results and next steps. Those who had negative tests also received a letter from ***[health officer]***.

This round of testing found that approximately ***[number]***% of the people tested had a positive TB skin test, indicating that they were infected with the TB bacteria at some time in their lives. “I would normally expect ***[number]***% of our community to have a positive TB skin test,” says ***[health officer]***.

The last possible exposure for students and staff at the school was ***[month]***. Because there is a 10-week incubation period for TB infection, ***[health officer]*** has recommended to the school administration that all students/staff who previously tested negative be re-tested during the week of ***[date]***. This will assure that anyone who may have been infected from exposure to this TB patient would be identified during this final round of testing.

If a student/staff person is positive after the second round of testing, the Public Health Department will ensure that they are medically evaluated further and provide the appropriate treatment. The progression from TB infection to TB disease occurs in approximately 10% of people who have the infection and do not receive preventive treatment.