



Public Health Press Release

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Probable Adult TB Case

Jackson, Ca. Amador County Public Health has identified a probable adult case of contagious tuberculosis (TB) at Jackson Junior High. In conjunction with Amador County Unified School District administration and school officials, Public Health is evaluating all students, staff and faculty who may have been exposed.

Parents of all potentially exposed children are in the process of being contacted. Because TB is caused by a germ that is spread through the air, ACPH will be testing those students, teachers, and other school staff who had close contact with the probable case of TB.

TB can be treated and cured. The most common way to become infected with TB germs is by spending a lot of time with a person who has active TB in an enclosed space. It is important to recognize that there is a difference between TB infection and TB disease.

People with TB **disease**:

- Are sick from the germs that are *active* in their body.
- May cough a lot, feel weak, have a fever, lose weight, cough up blood, or sweat a lot at night.
- May transmit the infection to others.

People with TB **infection** (without disease):

- Have the TB germ in their body, but are not sick because the germ is inactive.
- They cannot spread the germ to others.

About one out of 10 people with TB infection become sick with TB disease.

There will be an informational meeting, including a question and answer period, for all interested parents and school staff on **Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm at the Jackson Junior High School Gym**. Representatives from the Amador County Public Health will be present to answer questions.

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Probable Adult TB Case (cont')

Communicable disease investigation is a regular activity for Amador County Public Health.

Although it may be a new experience for the parents, students, and school staff involved, communicable disease investigation is a regular activity for Amador County Public Health. The current investigation under way is a classic example of tuberculosis case investigation and is an important step in helping prevent the spread of TB. Any students or staff who test positive for infection will receive further testing and medication to ensure that they do not develop the active form of TB disease.

Parents with immediate questions or concerns may also call an Amador County Unified School District Nurse at 257-5377 or Amador County Public Health at 223-6407.