

Where and when did the exposure occur?

The possible Tuberculosis (TB) exposure occurred at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State). An adult Fresno State student was diagnosed with active Tuberculosis disease on July 11, 2016. It has been determined that people who were in close contact with the student between February 7, 2016 to July 22, 2016 may have been exposed to Tuberculosis. The student is currently being treated and monitored.

Who was possibly exposed?

Approximately 160 students and faculty may have been exposed. Only people in close contact with the affected student are at risk of exposure. The Fresno County Department of Public Health has worked with the University to identify everybody that might have been significantly exposed and to notify all of these individuals.

How many Fresno State students have been diagnosed with TB disease in the past?

A total of 6 students, including the current case.

Is this TB case related to or connected to the previous TB cases?

No

Do all of the exposed individuals need to be tested?

The Fresno County Department of Public Health is working closely with the University to identify those in need of testing. Those in need of testing will be notified by email and mail. Exposed individuals may be tested for TB infection at the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Student Health and Counseling Center (SHCC), or by their primary care provider. Dates, times and location of the testing will be provided to individuals at risk of exposure. It is important for all individuals at risk of exposure to be tested for possible Tuberculosis infection. There is no charge for the TB test provided by the Fresno County Department of Public Health.

I am a concerned student or parent. Where can I get additional information?

Information about Tuberculosis testing, symptoms and treatment are available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/tb/default.htm or the Fresno County Department of Public Health website at <http://bit.ly/2aPByLi> For other questions regarding the testing process related to this possible exposure call the Fresno County Department of Public Health at 559.600.3413.

What do I do if I test positive?

All individuals that test positive with TB infection will require further evaluation, including a chest x-ray.

What is TB and how does it spread?

TB is a disease caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is spread from person to person through the air when an individual with active TB coughs or sneezes. Not everyone

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infected with TB bacteria becomes sick. As a result, two TB-related conditions exist: latent TB infection and TB disease. Both latent TB infection and TB disease can be treated. Without treatment latent TB infection can progress to TB disease. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal.

What are the symptoms of TB?

Latent TB infection does not cause symptoms. Active TB disease can cause:

- A bad cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer
- Pain in the chest
- Coughing up blood or sputum
- Weakness or fatigue
- Weight loss
- No appetite
- Chills
- Fever
- Sweating at night

What do I do if I have symptoms?

Contact your health care provider right away.

What is the treatment for TB?

Certain antibiotics.

How many cases of TB Disease have been diagnosed in Fresno County this year (2016) so far?

A total of 34 cases as of 8.12.16

How many cases of TB Disease were diagnosed in Fresno County last year (2015)?

42 cases total for 2015