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## **DCHHS Tuberculosis investigations update**

April 5, 2019 - Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is assisting Coppell and Mesquite ISD concerning confirmed cases of tuberculosis (TB). A single student has been identified in each school district. The two cases are not related.

The student from Coppell Middle School is currently receiving treatment. Twenty-two individuals were notified and tested at the middle school on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Those who had significant exposure have been notified and given information about TB and free testing. Those who did *not* have contact with the student and who are *not* at risk were *not* notified.

A North Mesquite High School Student also had a confirmed case of TB. Approximately, 175 other students were identified as having "significant exposure" to the suspect/source case. The student is currently receiving treatment. Those who had significant exposure to the student have been identified and informed. DCHHS will be conducting testing at North Mesquite High School on Monday, 4/8/19.

TB is an airborne infection that usually infects the lungs. TB results in lung disease, infecting individuals who have had "significant contact" with the source case. Family members, coworkers and classmates with significant exposure are most at risk. "Tuberculosis infection and disease are both readily treatable with antibiotics", said DCHHS Medical Director of Tuberculosis Division Dr. Garry Woo.

Not everyone infected with TB bacteria becomes sick. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal.