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Ventura County Public Health Conducts Tuberculosis Contact Investigation at Oxnard Amazon Fulfillment Center

Oxnard, CA – Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) and Amazon have identified an individual that was recently diagnosed with active Tuberculosis (TB) working at the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Oxnard. There are approximately 180 contacts who were potentially exposed to the disease. There is currently no known danger to the public.

Staff from the Ventura County Public Health Tuberculosis Program quickly responded and coordinated with Amazon leadership to notify staff on Monday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 11th of the potential exposure.

VCPH officials immediately hosted educational sessions for staff where information on TB, testing, symptoms, and treatment plans were offered over two days.

Beginning early next week, free testing will be available for staff identified as close contacts.

The Ventura County Public Health Tuberculosis Program will continue monitoring this situation and work with the appropriate state and local agencies on surveillance, testing, and tracking of the disease.

About TB

There is a difference between a TB infection and (active) TB disease. People with TB disease are sick from germs that are active in their body. Common symptoms of active TB include frequent coughing, feeling weak, having a fever, losing weight, coughing up blood, or sweating frequently at night.

People with TB disease can give the infection to others through the air by those who frequently share the same air and are in close contact.

People with TB infection (without disease) have the TB germ in their body, but they are not sick because the germ is inactive and cannot spread the germ to others. About one out of ten people with TB infection become sick with TB disease at some time in their life. TB is a curable disease that can be treated with oral medications.

Although quite common throughout most of the world, TB is relatively uncommon to acquire in the United States. The State TB Control Branch estimates that 16% of foreign-born people in the United States will have a positive blood test for tuberculosis.

For more information on TB visit: [CDPH/CDC](#).

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