



## Department of Public Health

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health has determined that your child may have been exposed to an active case of Tuberculosis (TB). Tuberculosis is a bacterial illness acquired through breathing in infected droplets from the cough or sneeze of a person with active TB.

Tuberculosis is not easily transmitted. The likelihood of transmission increases with length of exposure to the cough/sneeze of someone with active TB. As a precaution, the Department of Public Health is recommending that your child be tested for TB. Please ensure your child eats a nutritious breakfast prior to testing.

The TB test is performed using a blood draw. A needle will be inserted into a vein in your child's arm and a small amount of blood will be collected. The blood will be tested for TB. As a parent/guardian, your written consent is requested for collection of the blood sample and performance of the TB test. Please fill out and sign the enclosed consent form and have your child return it to school with him/her. There is **NO CHARGE** for the TB test.

To answer your questions about TB and why your child should be tested, an informational session will be held at:

**Site: Canutillo High School Auditorium, 6675 S. Desert Blvd., El Paso, TX 79932**  
**Date: Monday, August 19, 2019**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

Department of Public Health TB specialists will be available to draw your child's blood at Canutillo High School's small gym (use Southside entrance) from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on (this information is dependent on group.)** If needed, **Thursday, August 22, 2019**, will also be made available. Your child may also receive free testing at the Department of Public Health clinic located at 5115 El Paso Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905, by scheduling an appointment at 915-212-6609.

You will be notified of your child's result and will be advised whether further evaluation of your child is necessary.

Thank you for your participation in the contact investigation. For further information, please visit [www.EPHealth.com](http://www.EPHealth.com) and click on TB Control in the "Services" section or call 211 for more information. TB staff is also available to answer any questions from Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 915-212-6609.

Sincerely,

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