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June 9th, 2023***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 recently diagnosed with active Tuberculosis (TB) employed at the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Oxnard. There is currently no known danger to the public, and at this time, it is believed to be unrelated to the TB case from April at the same location.

The Ventura County Public Health Tuberculosis Program staff quickly responded and coordinated with Amazon leadership to notify staff on June 6 and June 8 of potential exposure.

VCPH officials immediately hosted educational sessions for staff to educate on Tuberculosis, including testing, symptoms, and treatment plans.

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

The Ventura County Public Health Tuberculosis Program will continue to monitor 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 bodies. 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 if they are in close contact and frequently share the same air. TB can only be transmitted through the lungs by

coughing, sneezing, or other respiratory activities.

People with TB infection (without disease) have the TB germ in their bodies, but they are not sick because the germ is inactive and cannot spread the germ to others. However, 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.

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

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