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RE: An Individual at McKevett Elementary Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Has Been Identified as Having Active Tuberculosis (TB)

Santa Paula, CA- Ventura County Public Health has notified the Santa Paula Unified School District that an individual at McKevett Elementary Academy of Visual and Performing Arts has recently been identified as having active tuberculosis (TB). A person with active TB disease can spread germs through the air to those who frequently share the same air. Children with TB are less likely to spread the illness than adults. There are various factors that influence the spread of TB. [Please read the TB facts sheet here for more detailed information.](#)

Santa Paula Unified is working closely with Ventura County Public Health to investigate and determine which students and staff may have had significant exposure to the active TB case. If it is determined that a student at McKevett needs to be tested for exposure to TB, their parent/guardian will be contacted directly. Not everyone at McKevett will require testing.

To provide information and answer questions, Ventura County Public Health will host a community meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, at Isbell Middle School beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

We understand that hearing about any illness in a school community can be concerning. Please know that all classrooms and facilities at McKevett underwent deep cleaning this past summer. We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priorities.

If you have additional questions, please contact Ventura County Public Health at (805)385-9444.

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