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Mayor

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Dear Students, Staff and Families,

We are writing to update the school community on the tuberculosis (TB) response at Archbishop Riordan High School (ARHS). ARHS, together with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), and community clinical partners has completed required March 2026 testing for all members of the ARHS community. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to complete testing and submit your results for TB clearance so that the school can safely continue operations.

Data from the last round of testing since March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 indicate a strong reduction in transmission, and further testing this spring will be narrowly focused on individuals with risk based on:

1. Exposure to a more recently confirmed case  
OR
2. Part of a small group of individuals with new LTBI cases identified on this round of testing

This testing will be provided on campus on May 6 and May 8 by SFDPH and Kaiser, respectively.

Since March 9<sup>th</sup>, there have been 1135 people who have new TB test results reported, of which 19 (2%) were positive. For the complete testing period, from 11/10/2025 through 04/22/2026, 1404 (96%) of the total school population\* have had at least one TB test reviewed and validated by SFDPH. A total of 252 (18%) had a positive TB test.

At the current time, there have been a total of 7 confirmed cases of active TB disease diagnosed among those exposed at ARHS. This is because all three previously reported suspected cases have now been confirmed. Importantly, all seven people with active TB are on treatment. The last date an infectious TB case was on campus was February 19, 2026. Individuals who require follow-up TB testing related to close exposure to that case have received a separate notification.

In addition to the active TB cases outlined above, 241 individuals have confirmed as latent TB infection (LTBI) and there are 4 individuals for whom validations of X-ray results are in process. The full summary report of testing and treatment results is attached at the end of this letter.

**People with latent TB infection (LTBI) are not contagious.** However, latent TB could develop into active TB — a serious illness — if left untreated. Because of this, it is important for people with latent TB to get treated to protect their long-term health and the health of those around them. 95% of individuals diagnosed with LTBI at ARHS are on treatment or have completed treatment. See the attached report below for a summary of test outcomes since the initial exposure notification.

Until the outbreak is determined to be over, SFDPH continues to recommend the following measures be taken to reduce the chance of TB transmission in the ARHS community:

**Stay home if you are feeling ill**

- Symptoms of TB include cough > 3 weeks, coughing up blood, fever, unintentional weight loss, and night sweats
- Stay home and seek prompt evaluation from a medical provider if you have symptoms of TB



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**TB clearance for school and extracurricular participation**

- Only staff and students who have completed the required testing after 3/9/2026 and have TB clearance on file with the school will be permitted on campus or at off-campus school activities.

**Treatment for latent TB infection (LTBI) - all with a positive TB test:**

- If your TB test is positive, and you have a normal chest X-ray, you have LTBI.
- Starting treatment for LTBI is essential to prevent developing active TB disease, getting sick, and spreading TB to people in your home and community. Your medical provider should discuss treatment options with you.
- It is important to finish the entire course of medication in order to prevent the development of active TB.
- If you need help with accessing treatment or follow-up care after a positive TB test, reach out to your local health department.
- Sign up for WelTel ([registration link](#)) – a treatment adherence tool that uses interactive text messaging to help stay on track with LTBI treatment. Learn more by checking out the ARHS [WelTel Program description](#).

A summary of statistics to date are included in the attachment below. Educational videos, FAQ and the most recent statistics regarding the TB outbreak are available on the school website: <https://www.riordanhs.org/community/health-updates>.

Thank you once again for all the efforts you have made this year to protect the health of our community.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Susannah Graves in blue ink.

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## Archbishop Riordan High School Tuberculosis (TB) Response Data summary

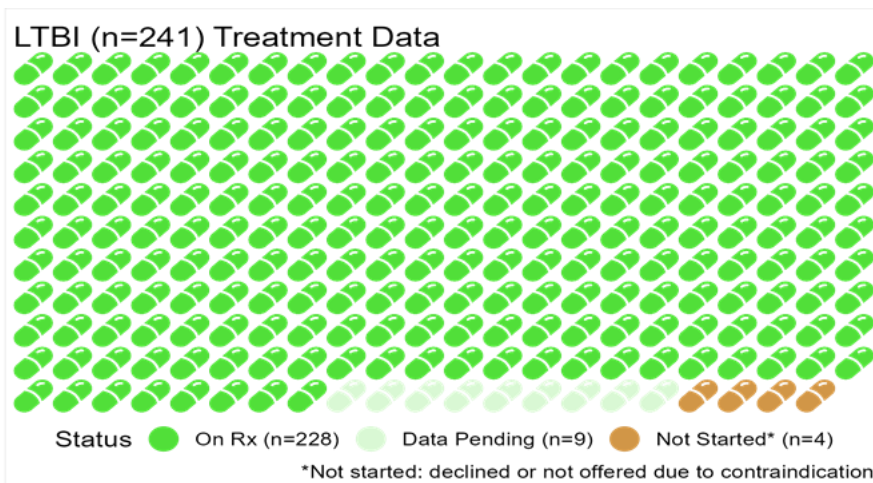
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Since March 9th, there have been **1135** people who have TB test results reported, of which **19** (2%) were positive.

For the complete testing period, from 11/10/2025 through 04/22/2026, **1404** (96%) of the total school population\* have had at least one TB test reviewed and validated by SFDPH and are included in this report. Thus, overall, since November 10th 2025:

- **252 (18%)** had a positive TB test
  - **7** confirmed active TB cases diagnosed
  - **0** suspected active TB cases diagnosed
  - **241** confirmed as latent TB+ (LTBI)
  - **4** validations of X-ray results are in process
- Of the 241 individuals with confirmed LTBI to date:
  - **228 (95%)** with LTBI are confirmed to be taking treatment
  - **4 (2%)** with LTBI have not started treatment
  - **9 (4%)** with LTBI have not yet had treatment status validated

**LTBI is not contagious**  
Diagnosis and treatment of LTBI is important to prevent the development of active TB



\*All students and staff identified by SFDPH and the school are included in this total. This includes students and staff who have recently joined the school community such as new students, permanent, part-time, contract and coaching staff. Individuals who leave the school community, including graduated students or individuals who leave employment, continue to be included in the total school population.