



Custer County Health Department
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Custer County Health Department Investigating Tuberculosis in Canute

The Custer County Health Department continues to investigate a case of active tuberculosis (TB) in a student who attended Canute High School. The investigation has not been expanded at this time. Health officials have notified all individuals identified as having prolonged contact with the case. A TB skin test has been conducted on the identified individuals. If the test indicates, a medical evaluation and chest x-ray will be conducted by a public health official. If you have not been contacted directly by the Custer County Health Department, you are not considered at risk at this time.

If an individual has a positive skin test, that does not mean they have TB disease that can infect others.

A person with active TB disease will experience symptoms such as:

- feeling weak or sick
- unexplained weight loss
- fever
- night sweats
- productive cough
- chest pain, and/or
- coughing up blood.

Persons with active TB disease are isolated from others and treated by public health officials to control further spread. Most people who are exposed to TB do not get infected. People who are infected cannot give TB to others unless they are sick.

Persons who have not been contacted by the county health department do not need to be tested. However, if you are concerned or do not know whether a significant exposure occurred, contact the Custer County Health Department at (580) 323-2100. General information concerning tuberculosis can be found on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website at: www.ok.gov/health.