Dear USD Campus Community:

We have confirmed that a USD graduate student has recently been diagnosed with active tuberculosis (TB). The Student Health Center (SHC) has coordinated with the San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to identify members of our campus community who may have been exposed from March 28, 2018, to June 20, 2018. The SHC has already notified these individuals through separate, direct communications. The USD graduate student with active TB is not currently on campus, so there is no ongoing risk of new exposures.

Tuberculosis is transmitted from person to person through indoor air during prolonged contact with an infectious individual. Most people who are exposed do not become infected. Testing is recommended for all those exposed to determine if they have been infected, as early diagnosis and treatment can prevent the infectious form of the disease from developing. Symptoms of infectious TB include persistent cough, fever, night sweats and unexplained weight loss.

Based on the timeframe of potential exposure, the HHSA is recommending testing to occur between July 18, 2018, and July 25, 2018. Earlier testing is not recommended, as it can result in false negatives (negative tests when the person is actually infected). The SHC, located in Maher 140, will be offering testing to exposed members of our campus community on July 18, July 20 and July 23-25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Individuals who would like more information on this potential exposure can call during business hours our Student Health Center at (619) 260-4595 or the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

The University is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all our community members, and we will continue to keep you updated on this situation in the forthcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

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