



St. Louis Park Public Schools

Achieving success, one student at a time!

Date: January 11, 2017
To: Parent/Guardian of: _____
From: St. Louis Park Public Schools and Hennepin County Public Health
Subject: **Tuberculosis Screening**

An individual at St. Louis Park High School has been diagnosed with active pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB) disease. The administration of St. Louis Park Public Schools and Hennepin County Public Health are working together to make certain that students and staff are protected against TB.

The individual is currently being treated and there is no further risk/exposure at the school.

TB can be spread to persons who have prolonged close contact with a person who has active infectious TB disease. It has been determined that your child may have had significant exposure to tuberculosis and thus we would like to offer **FREE** confidential screening for your child.

This screening consists of a symptom review and the administration and reading of a tuberculin skin test. If your child has a history of a positive tuberculin skin test or TB blood test we will still want to see him/her for an evaluation.

Testing and evaluation will be offered at St. Louis Park High School, by Hennepin County Public Health staff on the following days and times:

(Interview and place tuberculin skin test): January 30 & 31
(Read tuberculin skin test): February 2 & 3

*It is critical your child is present for both placement and reading.

Please read and sign the enclosed permission slip **as soon as possible**. Have your child return the permission slip to the student office by Thursday, January 19, 2017. *If the permission slip is not returned your child cannot be tested at the school.

If your child is not tested at school you will be contacted by Hennepin County Public Health to schedule your child's TB screening and testing. Testing will be offered at the Public Health Clinic or can be completed at your primary care provider, however, it will be important to first talk with Public Health to ensure your child receives appropriate testing and follow up.

The enclosed fact sheet gives important information about TB. If you have concerns you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Trent Daugherty, Hennepin County Public Health at 612-382-8666.

Sincerely,

Rob Metz, Superintendent
Enclosure