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## **Central High Testing Fails to Identify TB Transmission**

No spread of tuberculosis was found with the first round of testing at Central High School by the Douglas County Health Department.

The Health Department has completed the first round of tests on Central High School students and staff at risk of exposure to the student diagnosed earlier this month with TB. Four students and one staff member tested positive from a group of 105 students and 29 staff members who were tested by the Health Department. Seven other students were tested by their own physicians.

The staff member and three of the students were known to be previously positive for TB infection.

“The fourth student was born in a country where TB infection is common and infection likely occurred outside the United States,” said Dr. Adi Pour, Director of the Douglas County Health Department.

“These results indicate no transmission of TB occurred at the school. We will confirm that next month with the second round of testing,” Dr. Pour said.

The Health Department will:

- Test students and staff a second time during the month of May.
- Maintain open communication with the Omaha Public Schools and Douglas County residents.

“The process we put in place has been effective,” Dr. Pour said. “The cooperation from the school and parents has been tremendous.”

The Health Department’s website at [www.douglascountyhealth.com](http://www.douglascountyhealth.com) has additional TB information.

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