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We are writing to follow up on the notification regarding an active tuberculosis (TB) case investigation at Archbishop Riordan High School (ARHS), first sent on November 17, 2025. ARHS continues to work with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDH) along with community clinical partners to test all members of the ARHS community.

As a result of this testing, **a third case of active TB was identified**, and additional cases may be identified in the coming weeks during this active case finding phase of screening. Note that the goal of broad testing is to identify people with TB infections or early active TB disease that need treatment to prevent spread to others. The risk of ongoing TB transmission at ARHS continues to be **moderate** while testing is ongoing.

To protect our community, **ALL students and staff are required to complete TB testing**. Anyone with a weakened immune system, or with symptoms of active TB (such as cough, fever, or loss of appetite for more than 3 weeks), must see a medical provider.

Additionally, SFPDH is recommending the following measures be taken to reduce the likelihood 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

New Guidance: Visitors and Gatherings

- Starting February 20, 2026: only staff and students who have completed testing will be permitted on campus or at off-campus school activities
- As of today, through February 20, 2026 all non-classroom activities will either:
 - Be held outdoors; OR
 - If held indoors, only players and participants who have completed testing and have results on file with the school prior to participation may attend

Masking indoors is strongly recommended

- Masks will be provided on **campus** and at **off-campus school events**, and are strongly recommended to be used by all staff and students while indoors to prevent spread of TB

Required TB evaluation (all students and staff):

1. **Get a TB blood test now** – the sooner the better, and no later than February 13, 2026.
 - Email results to HealthInfo@riordanhs.org or turn them in at the Front Desk right away.
2. **Repeat testing will be needed this spring**, it can take several weeks for TB infection to show on a test.
3. **If you have a weakened immune system** (also known as immunosuppression), you are at higher risk of active TB and severe disease, and should note the following:
 - You must get a TB blood test **and chest X-ray**. A chest X-ray is needed regardless of test result.
 - A few examples of conditions that weaken the immune system:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ HIV/AIDS▪ Uncontrolled diabetes▪ Certain cancers (including leukemia or lymphoma)▪ Chemotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Medicines taken after an organ transplant▪ Medicines for autoimmune conditions (such as lupus, Crohn’s, ulcerative colitis, arthritis, or psoriasis)▪ Some common medication names: prednisone, infliximab, adalimumab, etanercept
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If unsure, ask your medical provider.

Failure to submit required TB test results (and chest X-ray if needed) by February 20, 2026 will result in exclusion from campus.

Need Help Getting Tested?

Families and staff are encouraged to seek testing through their own healthcare providers or at local testing sites. Archbishop Riordan High School is arranging a **limited on-campus testing option for those who have difficulty accessing testing off-campus**. Stay tuned for details.

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

- If your TB test is positive - even if your chest X-ray is normal – **prompt treatment of LTBI is critical to prevent becoming ill from active TB disease and potentially spreading it to others 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

Previous educational videos are available on the school website. An additional education session will be held in the coming week. Questions about TB testing can be answered by contacting your medical provider or county health department.

Thank you for acting quickly to protect the health of our community.

Sincerely,



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Information for Health Care Providers – TB Exposure, Testing, and Referrals

TB evaluation is required for all students and staff at Archbishop Riordan High School.

In addition to the above epidemiologic TB exposure risk factor, please note whether the exposed individual has other epidemiologic or medical risk factors for progression to TB disease:

- Immunosuppression, current or planned (examples include HIV infection, organ transplant recipient, TNF-alpha antagonist, steroids, or other immunosuppressive medication)
- Birth, travel, or residence in a country with an elevated TB rate (includes any country other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or a country in western or northern Europe)
- Have close contact to a confirmed or suspected TB case

The TB symptom review consists of an assessment of:

- Cough > 3 weeks
- Coughing up blood
- Fever
- Unintentional weight loss or concerns about appropriate growth and development
- Night sweats

A chest X-ray (CXR) should be obtained if ANY of the following apply:

- TB test is positive
- Patient has one or more symptoms suggesting active TB disease
- Patient has immunosuppression, current or planned
- Patient is an identified close contact to a TB case

Document outcome of the evaluation on the school health record on page 4 below.

Any students or staff of Archbishop Riordan High School with probable **active TB disease based on symptoms and compatible imaging** should be reported to the local health department of their county of residence within one working day. Clearance to return to school must be obtained from both the San Francisco TB Clinic at Ward 94, SF General Hospital (628-206-8524) as well as their home jurisdiction prior to returning.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION - MARK A RESPONSE TO ALL 4 ITEMS

Submit to Archbishop Riordan High School via email: HealthInfo@riordanhs.org or turn it in at the Front Desk

Patient name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

1. TB Symptom Review: TB symptoms present No TB symptoms

2. TB Test performed between now and 02/13/2026 (TB blood test is strongly preferred)

If patient has a documented prior **positive** TB blood test, repeat testing is not required. Note specific blood test results below - a symptom review and chest Xray are required.

Date: _____

Test type: TB Blood Test TB Skin test, Induration: _____ mm

Interpretation: Positive Negative

3. Chest X-ray (CXR) imaging: indicated for individuals with higher risk of TB

CXR is required if one or more of the following is present: (1) immune suppression, (2) identified close contact, (3) a positive TB symptom review, or (4) a positive TB test

CXR not indicated CXR indicated, result summary below:

Date: _____ Radiologist read: No evidence of TB Abnormal, further TB evaluation needed

4. Treatment:

Treatment prescribed: medication and duration: _____

Treatment not prescribed

Healthcare provider name and practice address and contact information (ok to use stamp):

Healthcare Provider Signature _____ Date _____

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