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**DOH INVESTIGATION FINDS NO ADDITIONAL CASES OF
ACTIVE TB DISEASE AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch has found no additional cases of active TB disease resulting from contact with a Roosevelt High School student who was confirmed to have the disease on November 8, 2007. The DOH completed its investigation and found that among the contacts tested, three students tested positive for latent TB infection, which is not contagious. These students were offered treatment at no cost.

"The results of our TB investigation are encouraging," said Dr. Jessie Wing, chief of the DOH TB Control Branch. "Because the TB infection rate for those at Roosevelt High School who came into contact with the student who has active TB disease is lower than the TB infection rate found in a similar aged population throughout Hawai'i, this indicates that there was probably minimal to no transmission of TB at the school."

During the investigation a total of 163 students and employees were screened for TB. Of those individuals, 19 received chest x-rays, 141 received the TB skin test, and three students were not tested. Of the three students who did not report for testing, two are no longer in school and one has been restricted from attending classes until testing is completed. The DOH is continuing to follow up with those students no longer attending Roosevelt.

For more information on tuberculosis or TB testing, call the DOH Hawai'i Tuberculosis Control Program at 832-5731 or visit the following websites:

- Hawai'i State Department of Health at www.hawaii.gov/health/tb
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/tb

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